



READ THE BEDFORD
TRANSPORT MAGAZINE
Specimen copy post free on application.

THE HONG KONG HOTEL GARAGE
Stables Road Happy Valley.

The dollar, on demand, closed
to-day at 1/3d.

FINAL EDITION

China Mail

Est. 1845.

THE OLDEST-ESTABLISHED NEWSPAPER IN THE FAR EAST

Est. 1845.

No. 28,335 HONG KONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1933. PRICE \$3.00 Per Month.



is unequalled by
any other tyre
in the world

PROSPECTS IMPROVE FOR SETTLEMENT OF FAR EAST DISPUTE



The most powerful car in the world, the new "Blue Bird," in which Sir Malcolm Campbell will attempt to break his own land speed record at Daytona, probably some time this month. The engine develops nearly 3,000 h.p.

BRITISH EFFORTS AT AIR RECORDS

R.A.F. Pilots Establish New Distance.

MR. MOLLISON ARRIVES IN AFRICA.

London, To-day.

The British attempt to establish a new world record for long-distance flying, is progressing favourably, the two R. A. F. flyers having covered more than half of the 6,198 miles journey to the Cape at an average speed of about 110 miles per hour.

Mr. J. A. Mollison, who left England simultaneously with the Air Force flyers, has now arrived in Africa on his flight to South America.

The Royal Air Force fliers, Squadron Leader Gayford and Flight Lt. Nicholls, have sent a wireless message to the Air Ministry stating that they are about 200 miles north-west of Roma, West Africa, and are about 4,000 miles from Cranwell. They have thus beaten the British record of 3,948 miles established in April, 1929, by the late Squadron Leader Jones-Williams and Flight Lieutenant N. H. Jenkins from Cranwell to Karachi. — Reuter.

The flyers left Cranwell at 7.15 a.m. on Monday, in a R.A.F. Fulrey Napier machine, on an attempt to beat the long distance record of 5,012 miles held by the American airmen, Messrs. Boardman and Poland. They are attempting to fly non-stop to the Cape from Cranwell, a distance of 6,198 miles.

(Continued on Page 12.)

CLYDE AND PARTICK SUCCESSFUL

Scottish Cup Replays.

London, To-day.

Clyde and Partick Thistle qualified for the Third Round of the Scottish Cup yesterday when both teams won their replays on their own grounds.

Leith Athletic, who pluckily held Clyde to a one, goal-all draw on Saturday, conceded five goals without replying in their replay yesterday.

Ayr United lost to Partick by two clear goals after sharing two goals on Saturday. — Reuter.

Probate was granted to Wong Tak-shing, clerk, in the estate of To Ho-widow, who died on November 9, 1932, leaving \$2,400.

L'ATLANTIQUE FIRE SEQUEL SENSATION

Arrest Of Originator Imminent.

INQUIRY FINDINGS.

Paris, To-day.

The arrest of the man who is believed to have deliberately set fire to the liner L'Atlantique is imminent.

It is understood that he is regarded as an agent against the French organisation, either as a member of the Revolutionary Seamen's Society, or acting on behalf of a rival French Mercantile Marine. M. De Bourayne, President of the Commission of Inquiry, stated that the investigation showed that the fire broke out in four adjoining cabins and all indications pointed to someone having soaked the carpets with petrol and set fire to them. — Reuter.

ECONOMY NECESSARY IN BRITAIN

Chancellor Warns All Departments.

PARLIAMENT RE-ASSEMBLES YESTERDAY.

London, To-day.

With a programme of exceptionally important work ahead, Parliament re-assembled yesterday afternoon after the Christmas recess. Several interesting announcements were made during the sessions.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, stated in the House of Commons that the importance of economy had been impressed on all Government departments. Although it was not yet possible to estimate accurately the ultimate position at the end of the present financial year, he did not think the increased taxation for the current year would be called for in any case.

Transport Bill. The Transport Minister, Mr. J. Pybus, announced that following a careful consideration of the report of the Commission on Road and Rail Transport, over which Sir Arthur Salter presided, the Government had decided to introduce at an early date, a Bill to provide for the licensing, and better regulation of the transport of goods by road.

WAR DEBTS DISCUSSED BY CABINET.

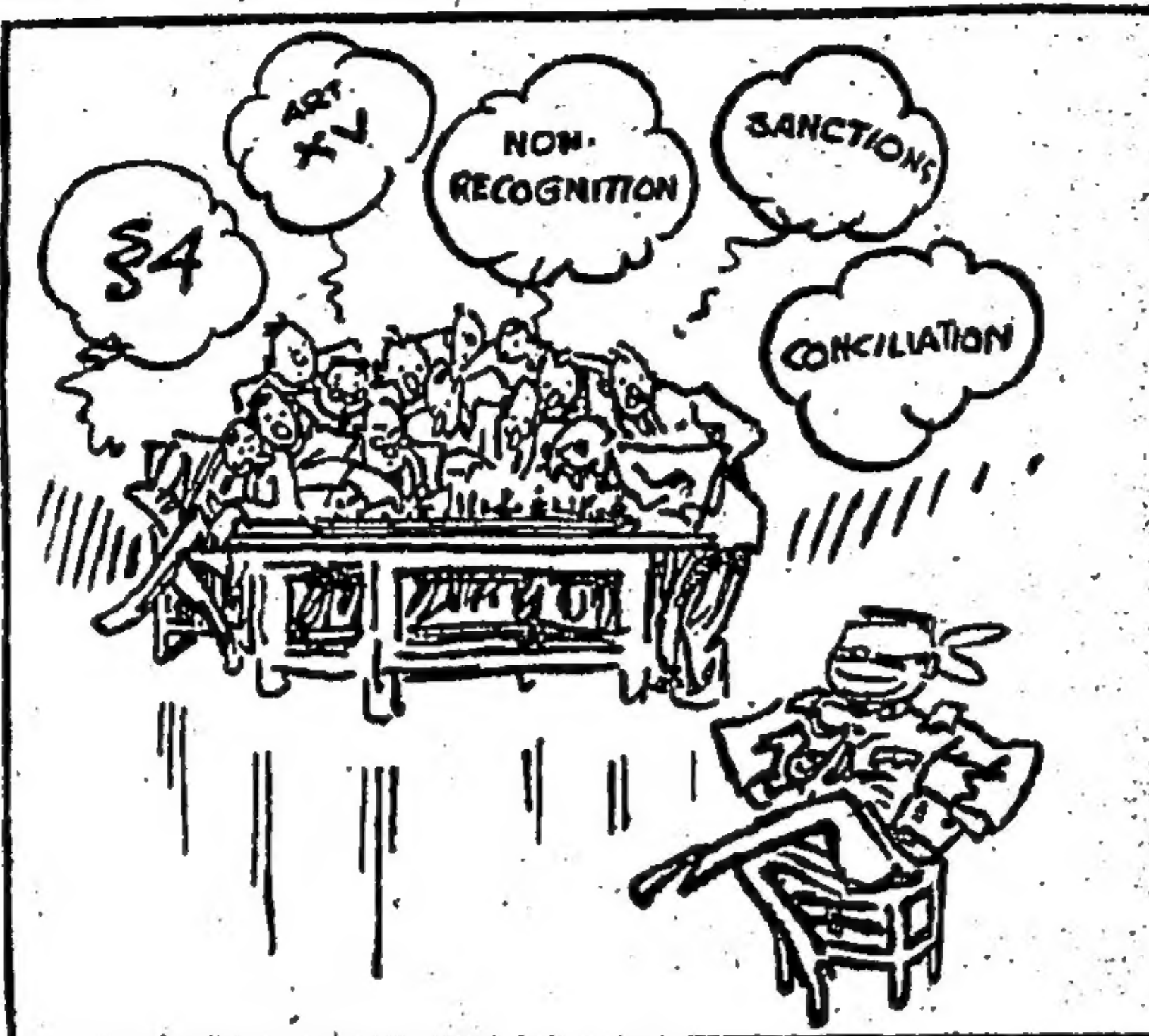
A further meeting of the Cabinet Committee on the war debt, was held yesterday afternoon in the Prime Minister's room at the House of Commons. With the exception of Mr. Baldwin, who was attending a meeting of the Privy Council at Sandringham, all the members of the Committee, together with Sir (Continued on Page 7.)

ITALY'S INDUSTRIAL RECONSTRUCTION

Large Bond Issue Quickly Over-Subscribed

Rome, To-day.

Bonds of the newly formed Institute for Industrial Reconstruction, to the value of 2,000,000 lire, were offered to the public yesterday, and the bonds are now largely over-subscribed. — Reuter.



THE NEW BLINDFOLD CHESS CHAMPION.
Sapagon in the N.C.D. News.

BRITAIN WILLING TO DISCUSS ANGLO-IRISH QUESTION.

Mr. J. H. Thomas States Terms For Friendly Settlement.

London, To-day.

Questioned as to the possibility of re-opening negotiations with the new Irish Free State Government upon land annuities and other questions in dispute, the Dominion Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, said that the United Kingdom Government were desirous of a friendly settlement provided that it proceeds on the basis of acceptance of the validity of existing obligations. — British Wireless Service.

Cotton Crops Reduction

U.S. Bill To Create Credit Pool.

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Smith, the Democrat Senator of South Carolina has introduced a Bill designed to reduce the cotton crop during 1933.

He states that he would put the \$500,000 bales at present controlled by the Federal Farm Board and other Governmental bodies, into a "Pool," from which producers might buy at the present prices on credit, conditionally, that they agree to decrease the 1933 production by similar amounts.

Purchasers could sell cotton from the "Pool" after August 15, when, Mr. Smith claims, the decreased production would have resulted in increased prices. — Reuter.

U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWS TIGHTENED

Strict Regulations For Foreign Seamen.

CHINESE AND JAPANESE ENTER ILLEGALLY.

Washington, To-day.

The Immigration Committee of the House of Representatives, has passed the Schneider Bill forbidding vessels to bring to a United States port foreign seamen who are ineligible for admission as immigrants.

The Schneider Bill is intended to bar Chinese and Japanese seamen, many of whom are alleged to desert their ships in American ports in order to settle illegally in the United States. — Reuter.

FRENCH BUDGET PROPOSALS

Big Cut In Military Expenditure.

GOVERNMENT'S DOWNFALL PREDICTED.

Paris, To-day.

In an effort to avoid the pitfalls into which M. Cheron, Finance Minister of the Boncour Government fell, the financial proposals of M. George Bonnet, Finance Minister in M. Daladier's Ministry, while reducing the Administrative expenditure by 21/2 milliard francs, will place only a small burden on Civil Servants and will leave ex-Servicemen practically alone.

Military expenditure will be reduced by 638,000,000 francs as proposed by M. Cheron, while the direct taxes will remain unchanged.

Other proposals include increased taxes on alcohol, petrol and motor vehicles also a tax on import licences for goods subject to quota. One hundred million francs is expected from a provision requiring the taxpayer to furnish the name of his banker on his income tax return, in order to enable his stock of holdings to be checked.

"No Sacrifice" by Union.

Paris, Later. The fall of the Daladier Government is possible as a sequel to the decision of the Union of State Employees to reject the financial proposals. The latter have unanimously declared their determination to resist any sacrifice on the part of individual officials and are inviting members to hold themselves ready for any necessary action. The Union's decision is regarded as almost certain to influence the Socialist Party against the Government. — Reuter.

World Economic Conference Cannot Assemble For 3 Months

London, To-day.

Answering a series of Parliamentary questions regarding the World Economic Conference, the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, said that the League Council had decided that the Conference's convocation should not be unnecessarily delayed, but that it could not, in view of the necessity of co-operation and the distances to be travelled by some of the delegations, take place for at least three months from the present time. He said that it should be left to the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, to convene the organizing committee, of which he was President, at some suitable date during this three months, to take the final decision as to the date of the Conference.

Mr. MacDonald added a hope that a warning would be issued to the Governments, that when the agenda was issued to them, they must be prepared to assemble within three months of that time. — British Wireless Service.

MUTINEERS WILL RECEIVE NO LENIENCY

Navy Must Recover Stolen Warship.

GOVERNMENT READY TO USE FORCE.

The Hague, To-day.

The Dutch Government's determination to deal drastically with the mutiny on the cruiser De Zeven Provinciën, is shown in the Lower House. The Minister of Defence has announced that all Dutch naval forces in the East Indies will be concentrated to bring the mutineers to subjection.

There will be no question of negotiations with the mutineers, and if the battleship is not surrendered immediately and unconditionally after being called upon, the Government will take measures of force.

Steps will also be taken against all "Desperate Influences" undermining Dutch authority in the East. — Reuter.

Labour Attitude Condemned. Later. Labour newspapers are banned from the Dutch defence forces as they give no support to authority, declared the Minister of Defence in the Lower Chamber.

Force would be used if the surrender of the cruiser, De Zeven Provinciën was not immediate and unconditional, he said.

He told the Labour Deputy that the Government's financial policy had not justified the mutiny. During the Defence Minister's speech, the President silenced Communist interruptions.

The President of the First Chamber in the course of a brief discussion said that he hoped the mutiny would soon be quelled and discipline lastingly restored. — Reuter.

SUPPRESSION OF TOTE CLUBS

Firm Action By Home Government.

GREYHOUND TOTALISATORS ILLEGAL.

London, To-day.

It is announced in the House of Commons that the Government has proposed to suppress Tote clubs, adding that if the existing law is inadequate, any measures necessary may be introduced for their complete suppression.

The use of totalisators at greyhound racing tracks is illegal but no legislation will be introduced until the receipt of the final recommendations of the Royal Commission. — Reuter.



The Chinese Minister in London, Dr. Quo Tai Chi, leaves Victoria Station to attend the League Assembly at Geneva.

AN ARMY OFFICER HELD IN TOWER

Sensational London Report.

ALLEGED LEAKAGE OF SECRET INFORMATION.

London, To-day.

An officer of one of the "Crack" Regiments of the British Army is at present under arrest in the Tower of London, according to the London Daily Express.

The paper states that the officer is held pending investigation into an alleged leakage of secret information to a foreign Power. — Reuter.

ANGLO-PERSIAN OIL AGREEMENT

New Direct Negotiations About To Open.

London, To-day.

Sir John Simon said that as a result of the good offices of Doctor Benes of Czechoslovakia, an arrangement had been reached and had been confirmed by the League Council, whereby the Anglo-Persian Oil Company were about to enter into direct negotiations with the Persian Government.

If these failed to produce an agreement, the question would again come before the Council for decision.

It was further agreed that during the negotiations and until a final settlement was reached, the work and operations of the Anglo-Persian Company should continue to be carried on as they were carried on before the Persian Government claimed to cancel the concession. — British Wireless Service.

IMPORTANT JAPANESE PROPOSALS

Draft Resolution May Be Accepted.

NEW OPTIMISM FELT AT GENEVA.

Geneva, To-day.

Important new Japanese proposals have been submitted to the League Secretariat, which, it is understood, will go a long way towards accepting the draft resolution of December 15. They will involve certain verbal alterations.

Prospects for a settlement have improved. — Reuter.

District Court In Shanghai.

NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS.

London, To-day.

Replying to Mr. W. Nunn, in the House of Commons, Sir John Simon announced that discussions were still proceeding with the Chinese Government and other Governments concerned, relating to the Shanghai District Court and it was hoped, before long to make a statement of the results.

General Yu Re-Appears.

Nanking, To-day.

General Yu Kuo-chai, ex-acting Governor of Kweichow, who was recently reported to have been killed in battle, disproved this by his dramatic appearance at Nanking yesterday by air from Hankow. Since his arrival his movements have been secret, but it is believed he will leave for Shanghai shortly to interview General Ho Ying-ching concerning the possibility of returning to Kweichow. — Reuter.

Kiangsu Governor in Nanking.

Nanking, To-day.

General Ku Chu-tung, Governor of Kiangsu, who was recently impeached for the alleged illegal execution of a journalist, arrived here to-day. It is not known whether his visit is connected with the case. — Reuter.

COUNT APPONYI PASSES AWAY

Hungary's Delegate To League For 7 Years.

London, To-day.

Count Albert Apponyi, member of the Hungarian Parliament (Commons) since 1872, died here to-day, at the age of 87 years.

Count Apponyi was born in Vienna and was for 7 years first delegate of Hungary to the League of Nations. He was twice Minister of Public Education, and was a member of the Hungarian Academy of Science and several literary societies.

He represented the town of Jászberény, Hungary for 30 years continuously. — Reuter.



The Woman's Page



NEW
Brunswick
Records
JUST
ARRIVED.

TSANG FOOK PIANO
COMPANY.

9, Ice House Street,
Hong Kong.
Telephone 24648.

Contrasting Cape Fabrics

Lacquered Feather Collarettes.

The mode is full of new interest; the age of attractive revivals has given a new turn to winter dress schemes.

The capelet, or coat of fur resembling the quaint tippet, is presented in a vast variety of ways. For day-time they are made of the better furs like caracul or broadtail, beaver or mink, whilst for evening imitation-ermine and chinchilla-rat can make a brave show.

If fur is not required each frock can have a cape of contrasting or matching-fabric. Velvet, trimmed with fur or leather, is a favourite winter choice, and there are plenty of crepe-like materials, pleated, rushed, or fringed. Neither does a smart little capelet of feathers or marabout come amiss. It is almost as useful as fur for night-time, and much cheaper!

Near to the cape is the collar, and these are seen in many novel guises. There is still the hood-like halter of white ermine, or white peau d'ango, to be worn over a plain black frock, or a funny, wide, bib-like affair fastening at the back, made in crepe or velvet to match the fanciful long gloves of the same.

Such trifles are helpful to the cinema dress, or demi-toilette. Collars this season are very strange; it seems incredible to realise how smart that one or two inch straight-band can be; with wide cape the tailored coats or two-piece, and at night a wonderful garland of coloured flowers on plain dinner frocks of wool.

It is funny how the French also seem to have revived the English mode of sequinned coats of last winter, for both the evening coat and cape of sequins have undoubtedly returned to favour.

The brightly-coloured crepe de Chine fringed shawl is another detail restored to fashion's favour. Many girls wear large ruches of satin or velvet with their evening frocks. Some are long, and form a



NECKLINE MODES.

Nearly all necklines this winter seem to be in accord about the question of closeness to the throat. One likes the mode, especially where fur is concerned, and particularly the smaller items of the fur family, as the capelet, bolero, etc. It obviates the necessity for an added scarf, and so keeps the general appearance less "bitty."

WARM WINTER WEAR.

Chamois and wool make a good combination for winter wear in any cold place, and those are the materials which fashion the dress second from the left. Few things keep out bitter winds more effectively than does leather and chamois is soft, pliable and as pretty as velvet. The colour scheme for the costume in question is a warm burgundy shade for the woollen portion, and natural shade for the leather. The turban hat is of wool to match the dress, and this would look well and feel good under almost any kind of a coat.

cape-like stole, but the majority are short and wide on the shoulder.

A wide collar of lacquered cog's feathers, with evening cap to match, is a smart addition to the cinema or bridge frock. Such details suit the smart, short coiffures of the moment.

Women are foolish to be overburdened by the changeable whims of any fashion era. The woman who possesses gems of real beauty will be wise to show them to the best advantage. Such a woman would be ill-advised to substitute green velvet gloves, even of the smartest and latest cut, for her bracelet or band of emeralds and diamonds! It is so often that the rare jewel or a distinctive novelty may give a far better-dressed look than a conglomeration of miscellaneous gems.

MENU SUGGESTIONS FOR TO-MORROW.

Menu For Dinner.
Macaroni and Cheese
Buttered Spinach
Bread, Apple Butter
Fruit Salad
Date Pudding, Lemon Sauce
Coffee

Cocoanut Ice Box Cookies
2/3 cup butter.
1 1/2 cups sugar.
3 eggs.
1 teaspoon vanilla.
1 teaspoon lemon extract.
1/2 teaspoon almond extract.
1/4 teaspoon salt.
2 tablespoons grated orange peel
2/3 cup cocoanut.
3 1/2 cups flour.
1 teaspoon cream of tartar.

Cream butter and sugar. Add rest of ingredients, shape into two rolls, 1 1/2 inches in diameter. Wrap in waxed papers, chill 24 hours or longer. Use sharp knife, cut off thin slices, bake 12 minutes in moderate oven on greased baking sheets.

Doughnuts.

3 tablespoons fat.
2 cups sugar.
3 eggs.
1 teaspoon cinnamon.
1/2 teaspoon cloves.
1 teaspoon vanilla.
1 teaspoon salt.
5 cups flour.
5 teaspoons baking powder.
1 1/2 cups milk.

Cream fat and add sugar and eggs. Beat two minutes. Add rest of ingredients, mixing lightly. Chill dough. Roll out dough on floured board until half inch thick. Cut out doughnuts, fry in deep hot fat until well browned.

Black Walnut Bread.

2 cups Graham flour.
2 cups flour.
1 cup sugar.
4 teaspoons baking powder.
1 teaspoon salt.
2 eggs.
2 cups milk.
1 cup nuts.
1 cup chopped dates.

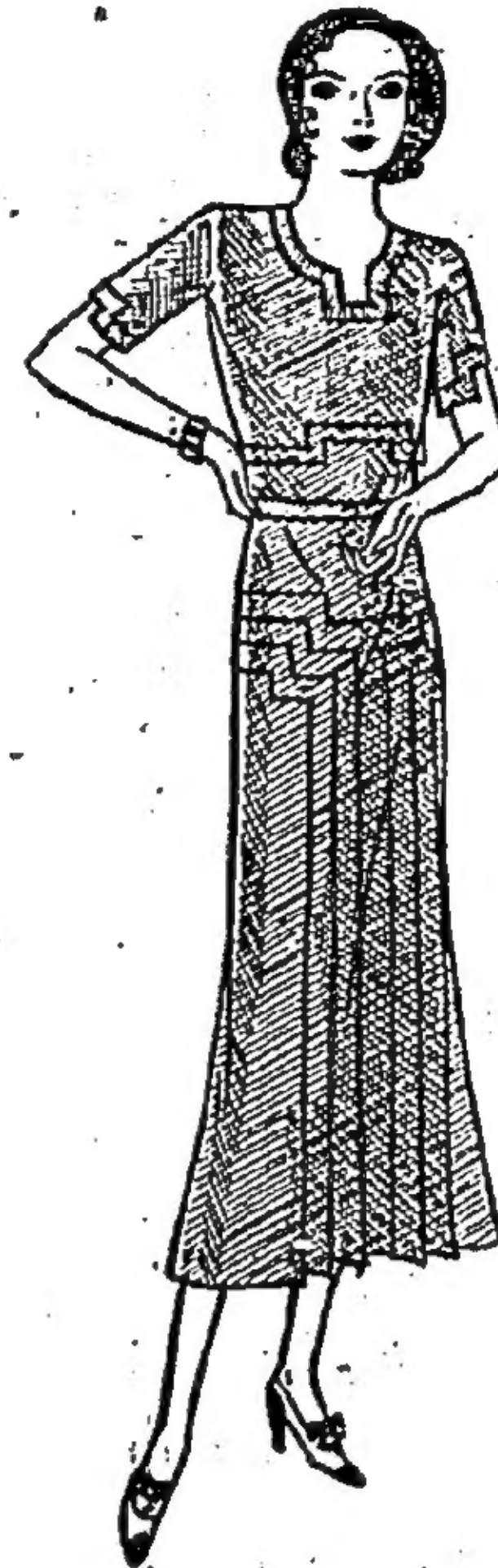
Mix ingredients, pour into two loaf pans lined with waxed papers. Let stand 15 minutes and bake one hour in slow oven.

CLEANING MODERN FURNITURE

Modern cellulose furniture should always be rubbed over with a soft piece of leather in preference to an ordinary duster, as this will do much to preserve the polished surface. If the table top becomes greasy or smeared it should be washed with a soapy leather and warm water, dried, and finally polished with a good furniture cream. A mark caused by a hot plate may be removed from a varnished surface by rubbing in a little slightly warmed oil. The affected part should then be polished in the usual manner.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

PSYCHE SPINET
RCE OVATE QAR
AT APE IRAT RA
I OVEN ERRS D
SORE EVE AIDE
ERASED TAPPED
GU R I M
WAITED EMPLOY
ANNE EEL RENA
S NAPE APIS R
TO R D TAM EN
ERA NEVER FEE
DENTED STRAND



SILK EXHIBITION FOR HONG KONG

Shanghai Mills Seek Co-operation.

The silk exhibition which was held on the Roof Garden of the Sincere Company in July of last year will be well remembered by many residents of the Colony. Numerous beautiful lengths of Chinese silks were displayed and the mannequin parade which was staged formed an interesting feature.

Another exhibition of this nature on a much larger scale was recently held in Shanghai at Sincere's store, featuring Mayar and a number of silk mills' products. Striking lines in Chinese silks, woolen and cotton goods attracted due admiration and there were also attractive displays of gloves, handkerchiefs and other lines. The rapid progress which has recently been made in Chinese industries was very much in evidence at this exhibition. Representatives from prominent business houses from Shanghai and abroad were present and greatly interested. The exhibition was an outstanding success and closed after three weeks.

It has been felt that an exhibition of this description would not only be profitable but would be appreciated in Hong Kong, and various Shanghai and other silk mills have approached the Sincere Co. seeking their co-operation in order that successful exhibition may be staged in Hong Kong on similar lines to the one recently held in Shanghai. Although nothing can be decided until Sincere's have given the matter due consideration, it is quite probable Hong Kong may witness a repetition of the Shanghai exhibition in the near future.

WET WEATHER HINT.

Shoes that have been very wet and become hard in the drying may be softened by the application of a little paraffin.

This should be applied by means of a soft cloth and be well rubbed into the leather.

Paraffin also acts as a preservative of the leather, and so causes the shoes to wear longer.

THE HONG KONG PENINSULA HOTEL;
HONG KONG HOTEL; REPULSE BAY HOTEL;
PEAK HOTEL
&
SHANGHAI
ASTOR HOUSE; PALACE HOTEL;
HOTELS,
LIMITED.

In association with the Grand Hotel des Wagons Lits, Peking.

PHOTO SUPPLIES,
PHOTOS TAKEN DAY AND NIGHT.
Zeiss, Kodaks, Cameras, Films, Plates, and Papers, etc.
Developing, Printing and Enlarging.
AT 24 HOURS' SERVICE.
Price Moderate.
A Trial Order is Solicited.
THE KWONG KWUI CO., LTD.
74, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.
Tel. 22170.

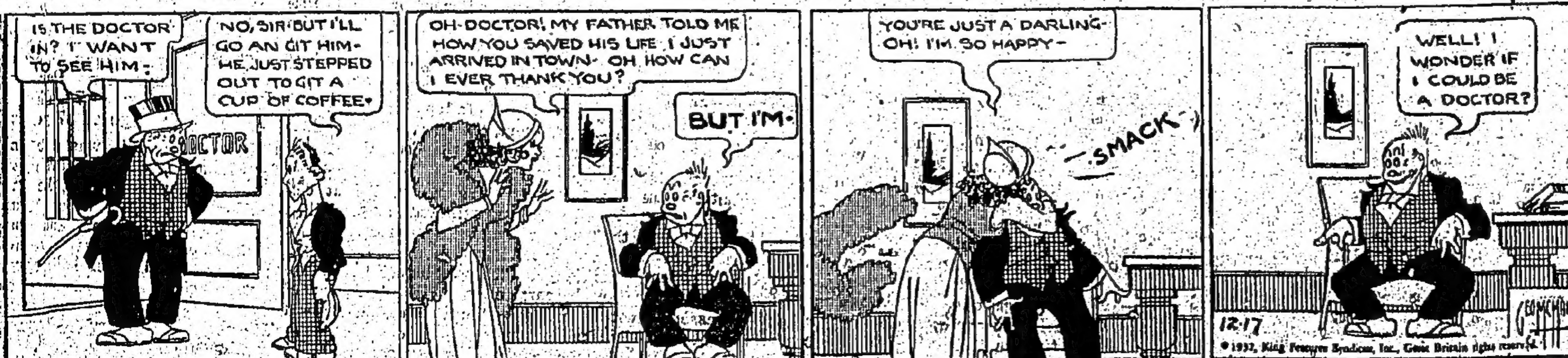
DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.

HORIZONTAL										HORIZONTAL (Cont.)										VERTICAL (Cont.)																																			
1-Dull	2-Characteristic	3-Pronoun	4-Part of the head	5-American poet	6-Ahead	7-Made harsh and uneven, as sound	8-Carpenter's tool	9-Girl's name (Short)	10-Expiate	11-Measure of weight	12-Before	13-Remove the skin	14-But	15-Make larger	16-Gospel	17-Assault	18-Assault, as of troops	19-A hero	20-Guide	21-Avarice	22-Numbers from 12 to 20	23-Hawaiian food	24-Negro name	25-Consumes	26-Memorandum	27-Fifty-two (Roman)	28-A serpent (pl.)	29-Perched	30-Boy's name (abbr.)	31-Pronoun	32-Exchanges	33-Like	34-Conjunction	35-Stamped (abbr.)	36-Exists	37-Walked	38-Concerning	39-An earthwork of guns (pl.)	40-Earnestness	41-Residence (abbr.)	42-A root	43-Plants	44-A game	45-Grow old	46-Strikes	47-Former Russian title (pl.)	48-Small rug	49-American	50-Temperance Society (abbr.)	51-Snare	52-Perils	53-An insect	54-Greek letter	55-Bone (Lat.)	56-Pronoun

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

Bringing Up Father.



THE OVERLAND CHINA MAIL

PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

contains all the general & sporting news of the week.

Order Your Copy Now.

China Mail Office - - - 3A, Wyndham Street.

Art and Drama

NEW YORK THEATRE
WEATHER SLUMP.Good Plays Stated
As Reason.

An actress who has just come back from New York states that the theatre there is doing better business than it has for some years past. The general slump shows not the least sign of abating. The cinema has been very badly hit by it. "But the theatre, then—why is the theatre going ahead when everything else is still in a bad way?" "Because the theatre has had some good plays!"

A musical comedy, "Of Thee I Sing"—which is more than a musical comedy, for it is a musical satire of the existing regime—has run for more than a year. Mr. Elmer Rice's latest play, "Counsel At Law," built on the performance of Mr. Paul Muni, the cinema character-actor, is having an overwhelming successful run. So is "Dinner At Eight" (which Mr. Cochran is immediately to produce in London). So is the English play, "Autumn Crocus." This report will confirm the impression that a "slump in the theatre" is usually enough synonymous with a "lack of good plays."

The actress added: "The worse things are generally, the more people seem to fall back on the theatre for their entertainment." It is historically true that the theatres of Paris were never so packed as during the Terror.

ANCIENT'S JADE STOPPINGS.

Chicago.

There was no fear of the dentist's chair among the ancient Mayas of Central America. They beat nature by having cavities drilled in their teeth to make room for jade inlays. Examples of this 1,200-year-old vanity were shown at the Field Museum of Natural History here where curators exhibited their latest collection of ancient Mayan art, industry and teeth.—Reuter.

BAD LANGUAGE IN
PLAYIncreasing Tendency
For Vulgarities.

WANTED—A PRYNNE.

(By Sydney W. Carroll).

Playgoers with a genuine regard for the stage, a true respect for its traditions and its dignity, actors who love their calling and are anxious to uphold its position, managers with souls above the prostitution of their playhouses, must one and all view with regret and concern the present increasing tendency in playwrights towards looseness of speech and depravity of expression in stage dialogue.

Good taste and decent behaviour seem in some quarters to be viewed as offences shunned by all who wish to make a profit out of plays. Audiences appear to welcome the grossest breaches of good manners and are ready to applaud as witty and smart the veriest vulgarities.

A Fashion in Indecency. Youth and Old Age alike upon our boards revel in unclean verbiage, and the days when common decency called for control of tongue as well as conduct seem to have gone for ever.

This Rabelaisian indulgence is accounted for by some as vitality, the mere outcome of high spirits and fashionable vigour. For myself, I can only deplore the lamentable degradation of brilliant minds compelled in this way to make a cheap laugh and an empty guffaw.

In the seventeenth century a certain William Prynne was deprived of both his ears in the pillory for making a scandalous attack upon the part played by Queen Elizabeth and some of her ladies in a theatrical performance.

Prynne was a barrister of Lincoln's Inn who hated stage plays and players. He believed them to be sinful, heathenish, lewd, ungodly and corrupt, intolerable mischiefs to the manners, minds, and souls of men. He considered the profession of play poets and stage (Continued at foot of next column.)



A Balinese study by Mr. Julius Wentscher, the celebrated German artist, who opens an exhibition at the Hong Kong Hotel to-day.

MALVERN FESTIVAL
PROGRAMME.400 Years Of English
Drama.

London.

Sir Barry Jackson has just announced his programme for this year's Malvern Festival. Once more he is presenting a spectacle of 400 years of English Drama, and the event, as usual, will take place during the first three weeks of August.

A little known miracle play, "The Conversion of St. Paul," together with that "right pitiful pleasant and merry Comedie," "Gammer Gurton's Needle" will represent the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries and be given on the same evening.

The early seventeenth century will give us Thomas Heywood's melodrama, "The Fair Maid of the West," and the Restoration period Dryden's "All for Love or the World Well Lost." The eighteenth century will be omitted this year, but as an example of pre-Victorian drama, we are to have Sheridan Knowles' "The Love Chase," and for the later nineteenth century Henry Arthur Jones' "The Dancing Girl," which was originally staged at the Haymarket Theatre forty-one years ago.

The modern play to be given has not yet been announced, but it is not unlikely that Mr. Shaw will bring a new piece home with him from his cruise round the world.

MERRY WIDOW AUTHOR BUYS
A CASTLE.

Vienna.

Herr Franz Lehár, the famous composer of the "Merry Widow" and a score of other popular successes, has bought the Schikaneder-Schloessl in Heiligenstadt, near Vienna, which dates from the 17th century.

The castle has old musical associations, for it was there that Emanuel Schikaneder wrote the text to Mozart's "Magic Flute."—Reuter.

players and the penning, acting, and frequenting of stage plays as infamous and unbecoming to a Christian.

We need a new Prynne amongst us to-day. He might conceivably have the same fate and find his ears thrown into a basket for his pains, but if he could only succeed in purging our theatres of the current habit of vulgar talk and low expressions he would be rendering society and the stage itself a real service.

Love of Licence. Gone are the days—perhaps for ever—when the theatre could be looked to with confidence as the mirror of good manners and polite demeanour. Banished, too, are the times when deportment and polish were displayed upon the stage in their finest moods as examples to the masses.

Absence of manners to-day denotes the man; absence of morals bespeaks the woman, and how we revel in the lack of both! What great fun it is to be rude and common!

Is this love of licence, this abolition of reticence, this recklessness of idiom, just a reaction from an earlier restraint, or is it the natural exorcism of a nature surrounded and directed by mechanical gadgets, seeking in literary debauchery a relief to the daily turnings of a million wheels? "Noise," "stench," "fumes," "ugliness," "filthiness"—these are the "nerve-racking, wearying, and dominant features of our life to-day." Perhaps, in reproducing it, the theatre can hardly avoid these.

OLD JAPANESE
POUCH-PIECESExquisite Pieces
Becoming Rare.

STORIES IN IVORY.

As part of their old-time traditional dress, the men of Japan once wore flat pouches, often of black or gold lacquer, slung from their belts on silken cords. The cord passed through a hole bored in a small round bead called the ojime, and terminated in a fob known as the netzuke. These exquisite bits are now a subject for collectors, becoming more and more rare as the charm of the kimono style passes.

Most of the bead and fob pieces are carved from solid ivory. Now and then, however, a specimen is found which has been wrought from a semiprecious stone, or embellished with tiny fragments of gems on an ivory base.

The netzuke, generally figurines, are delicate and mellowed representations of mythological subjects. On one fob may be seen the god Hotei, pompous of brow. Or Kwannon, the goddess of Mercy, with the folds of her gracious robe seeming to move in the wind. Or the three amusing monkeys of the Nikko shrine—who discreetly see, hear and speak no evil.

Craftsman's Triumph. But it is the ojime which reveal the more ingenious triumph of the craftsman. In these he has overcome not only the obstacle of a small surface, but that of a spherical medium as well. He has been obliged to tell his story with a design balanced precariously on a little round globe. A single mistake would have destroyed the circular rhythm which has been his great limitation and his artistic challenge.

On one bead, for example, he has undertaken to carve the optimistic symbol of the bamboo, seeming to cast swaying shadows on the cream-coloured ivory base. On another he has portrayed a miniature rock garden with the twisted shapes of wee pines, symbols of strength, rearing themselves in such exact juxtaposition as to set up a third dimension without breaking the continuity of the sphere. Or with the sweet fragile pattern of the plum blossom he may have offered a wish for happiness in a fabric of dainty sculpture.

Many Designs. One unusually exquisite bead is fringed all around with the foam of breaking waves—the same cascading combers which are familiar in Japanese prints. Over another the slinking bodies of several white mice crawl in balanced order, their beady eyes gleaming red with bits of superimposed coral.

The collector may discover a yellowed ojime which is graceful with the furl of fans; another which is crossed by delicate sprays of the beloved cherry bloom; and a third on which a group of Nipponese umbrellas are spread against the rain.

Perhaps, if all the netzuke and all the ojime were gathered together, the whole story of the Old Japan would be set forth on their carved surfaces—the story of the Japan that is passing.

2,500 PERFORMERS
FOR LONDON.Grand Pageant On
River Thames.

London.

Famous episodes of the sea will be recalled in one of the largest pageants ever held in the London area, which it is planned to stage at Greenwich, on the Thames on June 17, 1933.

There will be 2,500 performers, some of whom have already started to rehearse.

The pageant, which is the idea of Vice-Admiral B. D. Domville, commander of the Royal Naval College, will review past history from the time of Queen Elizabeth to the arrival of Nelson's body for burial in Britain. Many of the events will be concerned with Britain's sea history. One will show how the defeat of the Spanish armada was planned.

The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Percy Greenaway, and the Sheriffs will travel in state to Greenwich by water. This will constitute a revival of the centuries old custom of celebrating Thames. Functions by a water pageant.

One historic episode which is certain to be shown is Sir Walter Raleigh's act of homage to Queen Elizabeth when, throwing down his cloak in the mud, so that the Queen might walk with unsoiled shoes.—Reuter.



Here is new Strength

"Nerves"

cause many complaints
such as:

Irritability
Tiredness
Stomach trouble
Nervousness
Sleeplessness
Inability to
concentrate

Get FIT again
by takingSANATOGEN
The True Tonic-Food

If you are generally run down or out of sorts and life is rather a burden, you can turn with confidence to Sanatogen. There are plenty of people who have felt like you and who now enjoy life again simply by taking Sanatogen. For Sanatogen adds strength to the strength you have, and on a strong foundation of health your old-time happiness grows up again.

That Sanatogen is a remarkably reliable nerve-strengthening food which will really make you look and feel healthy again, is amply proved by the fact that over 24,000 physicians have stated in writing the favourable results they won with Sanatogen.

Be strong again—have a healthy colour and an abundance of energy. There is no doubt whatever that Sanatogen will do for you what it has done for millions of others. For Sanatogen feeds your body cells with exactly those elements—phosphorus and albumin—from which strength is built up.

SOLD AT ALL CHEMISTS

WEDDING!!

Remember whenever you have to send a WEDDING present or a BIRTHDAY present for all occasions you will find what you want at

KOMOR & KOMOR

ART AND CURIO EXPERTS

Chater Road.

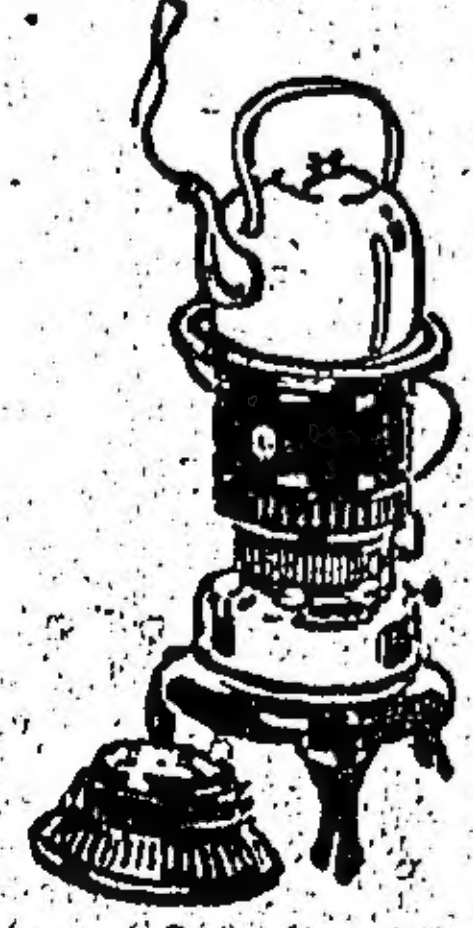
Phone 21427.

Lacquer, Porcelain, Ivory Ware, Bronze
and Metal Ornaments, Silks.

Prices ranging from 50 cents upwards



DEMON
COMBINED HEATER
AND COOKER



LIGHT IT
LEAVE IT

THE NEW SYSTEM

DEMON is an entirely new and patented system which makes its own gas without pumping or pressure. Not just "blue-flames" but a perfect, filtered gas flame. Intense heat without trace of fumes or smell.

ECONOMICAL—burns 5 hours with each pint of kerosene, and 16 hours at one filling.

ABSOLUTELY SAFE — no need to watch the flame.

TESTED AND APPROVED
BY GOOD HOUSEKEEPING
INSTITUTE, LONDON

Obtainable from:

Saunders & Weller & Co., 5, Des
Voeux Rd., C.
The Sincere Co., Ltd.
The Wing On Co., Ltd.
Ming Fung Hong, 146, Des
Voeux Rd., C.
Siu Koy Hong, 149, Des Voeux
Rd., C.

FROM EVERY
POINT OF VIEW—

WILLS'S
COLD FLAKE



ARE
WONDERFUL
CIGARETTES

ALSO
PACKED IN
PACKETS OF
10

The China Mail
Annual subscription, excluding postage abroad, H.K. \$36, payable in advance.
Overland-China Mail.
Published every Friday. Annual subscription, H.K. \$13, including postage \$10, payable in advance. Published by
The Newspaper Enterprise Ltd.
Printers & Publishers,
No. 32, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.
TELEPHONE 20022.
London Offices:—S. H. Bywaters & Co., Ltd., 7, Garrick Street, London, W.C.2.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING
Twenty-five words three insertions prepaid \$1.50. Every additional word five cents for three insertions.
All replies under this heading must be called for.

TO LET.
TO LET—110, THE PEAK (Mountain View), Unfurnished, Five Rooms, Modern Sanitation, vacant 14th February. Will lease for one or two years. May be seen only by appointment. Apply **LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS.**

FOR SALE.
"COASTWISE"—An interesting book of cartoons depicting "Happenings" on the China Coast. Price \$1, on sale at the "China Mail" office, 32, Wyndham Street.

AN INTRODUCTORY HISTORY for schools by A. H. Crook, W. Kay, and W. L. Handyside. Price \$1, on sale at the publishers, Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd., 32, Wyndham Street.

TYPOON, MAP OF THE CHINA SEA. The Landman's Handy Guide to locating the Centre of the Typhoon. Price 50 cents. Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd., "China Mail" Office, 32, Wyndham St.

TUITION GIVEN.
PRIVATE LESSONS in English, French, Math, shorthand, and Typewriting. Terms moderate. 6, Aimal Villa, Austin Road, Kowloon.

MISCELLANEOUS.
YOUR VISITING CARDS neatly and promptly printed. "China Mail" Office, No. 32, Wyndham St. Telephone 20022.

GENERAL NOTICES.
THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD.

THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY will be CUT OFF from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on THURSDAY, 9th February, 1933, on the South Side of Prince Edward Road from Waterloo Road Eastwards to Ma Tau Wai Village.

THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.
P.O. Box 33. Telephone 57777.
Headmaster:—C. B. R. Sargent, M.A. (Cantab.)

THE School re-opens on MONDAY, February 13th, 1933. New Boys Tests will be held on SATURDAY, February 11th, at 9 a.m.

Dayboys' Fees:—
Classes 1-5 \$42 per quarter.
" 6-8 \$36 " " "
Boarders' Fees:—
" 1-5 \$140 " " "
" 6-8 \$134 " " "
Entrance Fee \$10

Prospect uses, entry forms and all other particulars may be obtained from the Headmaster.

PAULINE DANCING ACADEMY.
Latest Ball Room Dancing Nightly.

New Lady Instructors have now arrived. All the latest Dancing Steps taught. Classes Afternoon, Practice Nightly 8-12. Newly redecorated and many charming lights to lend enchantment to your pleasure.
7th A, KING'S THEATRE BLDG.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
SAILORS' & SOLDIERS' HOME, WANCHAI.
TO-NIGHT 8 P.M.
MEDWAY CONCERT PARTY WITH VARIETY PROGRAMME.
COME EARLY TO GET A FREE SEAT.

NAVY CONTRACTS 1933-1934.

SEALED TENDERS for the Supply of the undermentioned Stores for H.M. Naval Service at Hong Kong commencing 1st April, 1933, will be received until Noon on the dates specified, by the Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Victualling Yard, Kowloon, from whom forms of tender and any necessary information can be obtained on application:—

Sugar—16th February, 1933 (12 months' Contract).
Lard—16th February, 1933 (12 months' Contract).
Bread—16th February, 1933 (12 months' Contract).
Biscuit—20th February, 1933 (12 months' Contract).
Rice—20th February, 1933 (12 months' Contract).
Ice—20th February, 1933 (7 months' Contract).
Potatoes and Vegetables—27th February, 1933 (3 months' Contract).

(As regards potatoes, alternative quotations are required for Canadian potatoes and for other varieties).

The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

HONG KONG REALTY AND TRUST COMPANY, LTD.
(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances of Hong Kong.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of Hong Kong Realty and Trust Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building (2nd Floor), Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st March, 1933, at 12 noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1932, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from THURSDAY, the 16th February, 1933, to WEDNESDAY, the 1st March, 1933, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 7th February, 1933.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON
TUESDAY, February 14, 1933, commencing at 10.30 a.m., at No. 53B, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

A Quantity of
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
On View from Monday, February 13, 1933.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, February 8, 1933.

MAYBE YOU DON'T CARE

what happens to the

13 WOMEN

...but ARE YOU FREE from the same power that gripped them!

SEE "13 WOMEN" at THE CENTRAL SHORTLY

RELIABLE PRINTING
DAY OF THE 100 SHEET
THE NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE LTD.
CHINA MAIL BLDG., 32, WYNDHAM ST.

COMPANY MEETINGS

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 9th February, 1933, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1932.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 1st February, 1933, to Thursday, the 9th February, 1933 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 24th January, 1933.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 13th February, 1933, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1932.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 1st February, to MONDAY, 13th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 24th January, 1933.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1933, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1932.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th February, to SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1933, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 6th February, 1933.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, on WEDNESDAY, 1st March, 1933, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th February to 1st March, 1933 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. D. THOMSON,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 7th February, 1933.

WE HAVE IN STOCK AND FOR SALE

great varieties of used and unused POSTAGE STAMPS in sets, bags, packets, single and in approval books for collections.

FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SEEDS from Messrs. Sutton & Sons, Ltd., Reading Messrs. Toogood & Sons, Ltd., Southampton

GRACA & CO.,
Dealers in Postage Stamps, Garden Seeds, Religious Goods, Toys.
No. 10, WYNDHAM STREET, P.O. Box No. 626 HONG KONG.

SPORTS NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1933

18th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 25th February, 1933.

ON SATURDAY, 18th, MONDAY, 20th, TUESDAY, 21st, and WEDNESDAY, 22nd February, the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On SATURDAY, the 25th February, the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be taken after the fifth race on the first four days.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Room at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 3rd Floor, Gloucester Building (Tel. 27794), will close at 10 a.m. on the first four days, and at 12.30 p.m. on the fifth day.

A limited number of Tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, Telephone No. 21920.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day, including tax.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 3rd Floor, Gloucester Building. Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 6th February, 1933.

TO LET

SPACIOUS OFFICE ROOMS in the

NEW BUILDING of

THE NATIONAL COMMERCIAL & SAVINGS BANK, LTD.

at the corner of

Des Voeux Road Central

and

Ice House Street

Ready for Occupation next April

also

FOUR ROOMED FLATS

with FLUSH TOILET

and other Modern Conveniences

Newly constructed at

Nos. 7 and 9, Breezy Terrace

Bonham Road

Ready for Occupation now.

RENTALS MODERATE

Apply to

THE NATIONAL COMMERCIAL & SAVINGS BANK, LTD.,

144, Des Voeux Road Central.

Telephone 22705.

CINEMA NOTES

MAIL REVIEW

"STRANGE INTERLUDE"—QUEEN'S THEATRE.

In "Strange Interlude" which is now showing at the Queen's Theatre, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer have undertaken the reproducing not only of the spoken word but also the "spoken thoughts" of the characters.

Apart from this the picture ranks as something outstanding if only for the brilliant interpretation of a most difficult role by Norma Shearer. She is at first the young girl grieving the death of her lover who was killed in the War. The scenes change rapidly to the mother nursing the secret that her son's father is not the man she has married. Next, she is the silver-haired matron reluctant to part with her son to another woman and the story ends with her secret at last divulged.

Miss Shearer adds to her many successes by her acting in this picture. The supporting roles are well played.

MAIL REVIEW.

"LOOKING ON THE BRIGHT SIDE"—KING'S THEATRE.

"Looking on the Bright Side" which is being screened at the King's Theatre, portrays Gracie Fields, the famous British comedienne, first as a manicurist in love with a young hairdresser, then as a policeman. Her singing, antics and frolics provide good entertainment.

Julian Rose, a "find" of great importance, does good work as the theatre magnate. Excellent songs numbers are well welded with the action settings are typical and there are also some lavish apartment sequences.

MAIL REVIEW

"LAW AND ORDER"—CENTRAL THEATRE.

Walter Huston is featured in a strong role in Universal's picture "Law And Order" which is the current attraction at the Central Theatre. Huston will be remembered for his portrayals in "Abraham Lincoln" and "A House Divided."

"Law And Order" is a story dealing with life and the law in a wild Frontier town. The cast includes Harry Carey, Raymond Hatton, Russell Hopton and Andy Devine.

MAIL REVIEW

"MATA HARI"—STAR THEATRE.

"Mata Hari," featuring Greta Garbo and Ramon Novarro, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's sensational drama, is now showing at the Star Theatre.

It is the thrilling story of the life and death of one of the most amazing characters of the World War, Mata Hari, the beautiful spy.

MAIL REVIEW

"SPLINTERS IN THE NAVY"—ORIENTAL THEATRE.

"Splinters In The Navy" now showing at the Oriental Theatre, is an amazingly clever picture. Sydney Howard is cast in the leading role and his adventures as a Blue-jacket are hilarious. The famous Splinters Concert party is heard to advantage.

MAIL REVIEW

"THE FALSE MADONNA"—MAJESTIC THEATRE.

The story of a counterfeit lady—deception her business, beauty her social passport—is revealed magnificently in "The False Madonna" starring Kay Francis and William Boyd, which is now showing at the Majestic Theatre. Based on a story by May Edington, the film is intensely absorbing.

LAMMERT BROS.

AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS AND SURVEYORS.

Public Auctions

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON

THURSDAY, February 9, 1933,

commencing at 5.15 p.m.

at their Sales Room,

4, Duddell Street

A Valuable Collection of POSTAGE STAMPS.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, February 4, 1933.



DARLING MINE!

Always happy, never ailing, that is how every mother wants her baby. This is motherhood raised to the heights of happiness and fulfillment.

But what a contrast when baby is unwell! A mother's life is then one long trail of misery and mental strain. Yet much infantile ill-health can be avoided by careful attention to stomach and bowels. It is in these organs that the great majority of the little ones' troubles arise. Parents should make careful observations and immediately they notice any intestinal irregularity administer Baby's Own Tablets.

These splendid little tablets safeguard the child's health by cleansing the stomach and gently stimulating the action of the bowels. Baby's Own Tablets have been specially devised for babies and young children. They effectively replace all the old-fashioned crude laxatives. They are pleasant in taste and appearance, gentle and soothing in their action on baby's delicate internal organs.

Guaranteed pure, and safe for the youngest or most delicate child, Baby's Own Tablets are the ideal infantile health safeguard.

BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

(Continued from Page 7.)

as to the beneficial lessons inculcated by the Commissioner and his officers. Another pleasing feature to which I wish to make special reference is the co-operation between our sister organisation the Girl Guides, and ourselves along the most harmonious lines.

Mrs. Southorn. Thanked.

... This happy co-operation is due to the Commissioner of the Girl Guides, Mrs. Southorn, whose presence gives us so much pleasure.

We welcome his Excellency the General on our new Council. His consenting to serve is evidence of his kindly interest in us.

H.E.'s Practical Interest.

I desire to express on behalf of the whole Association our deep appreciation of the practical interest which His Excellency the Chief Scout always takes in us, as exemplified by his attendance here today. His Excellency has moderately remarked that he feared he has allowed his office of Chief Scout to become rather a sinecure. We know how busy His Excellency is, but he always finds time to give us all the help we need.

All of us, from the Commissioner down to the newest recruit, feel that we can at all times rely on the Chief for that help and guidance which he has so abundantly afforded us in the past.

Election of Council.

The election of members of the Council for the current year resulted as follows:—Mr. A. el Arculli, The Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Sir W. W. Hornell, Mr. T. H. King, Mr. A. J. Lane, Mr. L. Jowson, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. C. M. Mannors, Commander J. Newill, Bishop of Victoria, Mr. N. L. Smith, Commodore E. MacD. Lawrie, Mr. Mok Hong-sung, Major General O. C. Borrett, Lt.-Col. T. A. Robertson, O. A. de Rosa, Hon. Sir William Shenton, Mrs. W. T. Southorn, Mr. M. P. Talati, Mr. Tang Shui-kin, Hon. Dr. S. W. Teo, Rt. Rev. Bishop Val-torta, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. Justice Wood, Mr. E. Wyllie and Representatives of C.A.A., C.R.C. and Tung Wah Hospital Committee.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ATTRACTIVE TAILORING.

WINTER SUITS AND OVERCOATS.

Made Of Best Woolens and Tweeds.

WING HING CO.

18, D'Aguiar Street.

Tel. 21417.

DENTISTS.

HARRY FONG, Dentist,

1st floor, No. 74, Queen's Road Central. Tel. 31253.

LAU PAH-WAI, Dentist.

HONG KONG OFFICE: GLOUCESTER BLDG., 1st Floor, Telephone 20488. KOWLOON OFFICE: 335, NATHAN ROAD, 2nd Floor, Telephone 55331.

TANG YUK, Dentist.

Successor to the late SIEN TING, 14, D'Aguiar Street.

TERMS VERY MODERATE Consultation Free.

ENGINEERS & SHIPBUILDERS.

W. S. BAILEY & CO., LTD.

Kowloon Bldg., New Work & Repairs. Call Flag 714. Sole Agents for Kelvin Motors.

HAIR DRESSERS.

LEE YEE,

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Hair Dressers & Bookellers.

No. 12, D'Aguiar Street, (opposite Queen's Theatre).

OPTICIANS.

THE HONG KONG OPTICIAN COMPANY.

Phone 22321.

53, Queen's Road Central.

SHOES.

I guarantee no SQUEAKS as all my shoes are made by a new process.

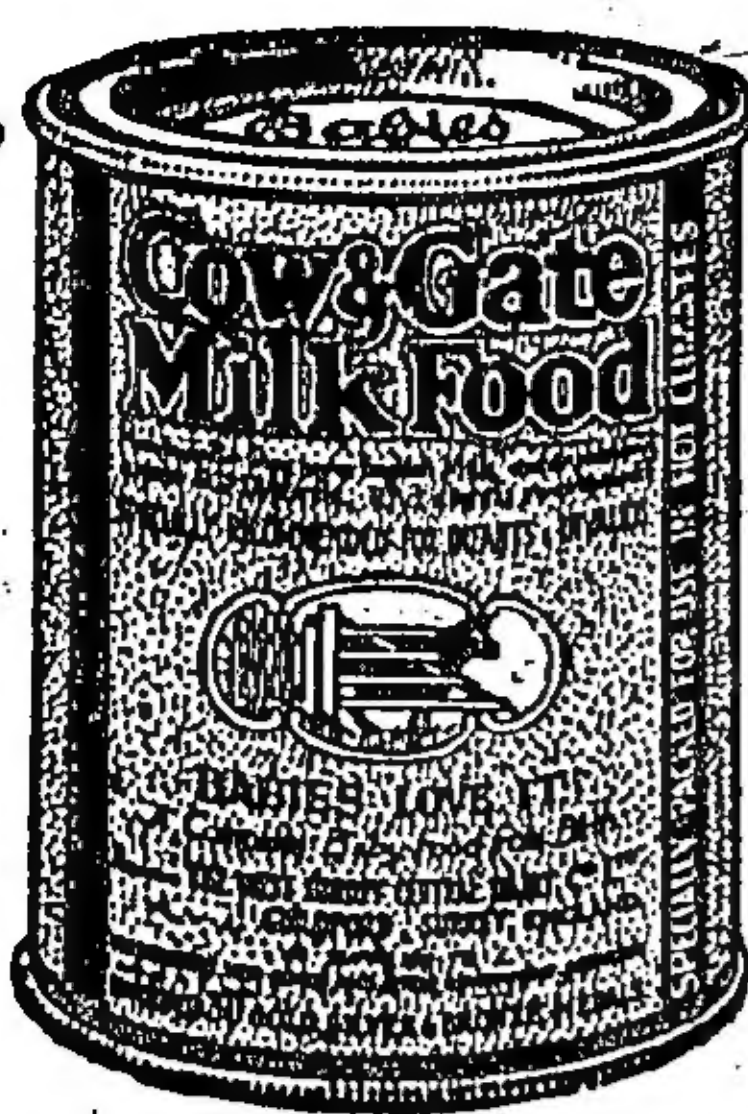
"THE BEST"

—AND YOUR

BABY

IS ENTITLED

TO IT.



Sole Agents:

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

THE HONG KONG DISPENSARY.

Established 1841.

20%

OFF ALL DRESSES

3 DAYS ONLY

AT

GRAYS YELLOW LANTERN SHOPS

Alexandra Building.

G. FALCONER & CO., (HONG KONG) LTD.

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS.
DIAMOND MERCHANTS.

Union Building (opposite G.P.O.)

Agents for:—ADMIRALTY CHARTS,
ROSS'S BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES,
KELVIN'S NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,
ENGLISH SILVERWARE, direct from Manufacturers,
High Class English Jewellery.

BRITISH PRODUCTS

with A BRITISH REPUTATION.

SMEDLEY'S CANNED FRUITS
AND VEGETABLES.STRAWBERRIES, RASPBERRIES,
GREENGAGES, RED CURRANTS,
RED CHERRIES, LOGANBERRIES,
BLACK BERRIES, GOOSEBERRIES,
VICTORIA PLUMS, RED PLUMS,
GOLDEN PLUMS, ETC. ETC.
PEAS, BEETROOT, MACEDOINES,
ETC. ETC.Obtainable from all leading compradores
and departmental stores.W. R. LOXLEY & CO.
SOLE AGENTS.In the mornings dress and breakfast in COMFORT.
All day in the home have COMFORT.
In the evenings dine, play bridge or read in COMFORT.
Warm up the bedroom and retire at night in COMFORT.
By using GAS FIRES or RADIATORS.Annual Rental \$5.
Fixing Charges \$5.

HONG KONG & CHINA GAS CO., LTD.

Central Showroom:—Gloucester Building.

Kowloon Showroom:—246, Nathan Road.

Offices:—West Point—Telephone 28181.

CLEAN-UP WEEK

AT

WHITEAWAYS

ALL

ODDMENTS and
REMNANTS

TO BE CLEARED

THIS WEEK

REGARDLESS OF COST.

WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW & CO., LTD.

The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1933.

Trans-Canada Air
Routes.

The far-reaching trunk line of airports by which the Federal Government of Canada propose to link up Halifax on the Atlantic seaboard of the Dominion with Vancouver on its Pacific coast is designed in the first place, like the trans-Canada highway which is being built jointly by the Provinces and the Dominion, to provide relief work for the unemployed. That alone is far more than enough to justify the expenditure of the large sums of money for which it will call. Canada is fortunate in being able to provide its unemployed with work that is an end in itself, and not merely designed as an artificial measure of relief, however much the relief is needed. Sooner or later it had to be undertaken. It was not to be expected that the country which has joined the two oceans washing its shores with such gigantic systems as the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National Railways would be content to lag behind other nations in developing to the fullest possible extent the modern means of communication by air, steadily growing in importance with every year that passes. It was inevitable that the people of the Dominion should feel impelled to show the same initiative and energy in the exploitation of the air as they have in the promotion of transport by land and sea. But the establishment of the projected air line has a still greater object ahead of it: than the provision of Canada's own needs. It will serve as an invaluable link in the chain of air communications which is rapidly bringing closer to the centre and to each other the far-off outposts of the Empire. On Christmas Day, in the first half of the hour which preceded the broadcasting of the King's Christmas message to his peoples in all parts of the world, the mere recital, one by one, of the names of the chief Canadian towns by the announcer in London was, to all who heard

it, even before the exchange of wireless talk had girdled the whole earth, an unprecedented revelation of the vast extent of the commonwealth of British nations and of the tightening and strengthening of the bonds between them that the perfection of the science of broadcasting is destined to bring about. A similar service, though by another method and in a different degree, will be rendered to the Empire by Canada's Atlantic-Pacific airway, fed by steamship lines crossing the Atlantic from Great Britain. Some parts of it are already in being, and others have been or are now being surveyed. The line when completed will consist of three main sections. Of these the first, starting from Halifax in Nova Scotia, runs westwards to Montreal, after crossing the State of Maine—the only part of the route that is not over Canadian territory—and from Montreal by North Bay turns north-west to Cochrane in Ontario. The next section, from Cochrane to Winnipeg, crosses a tract of country which, though in some parts of it open spaces suitable for aerodromes are available, is in others thickly covered with dense forest, where a large amount of clearing work will be necessary. From Winnipeg the third section, by Regina and Lethbridge to Vancouver, is partly over the prairie district, and here landing places at intervals of about twenty-five miles are already provided. But before reaching Vancouver it has to surmount the formidable obstacle of the Rockies, where pilots will be faced with difficulties. After exhaustive surveys it has been decided that the passage by way of the Crow's Nest Pass is the most promising for this part of the route, and on the far side of the range several suitable landing sites have been chosen in the valleys of British Columbia, in addition to airports already constructed by half a dozen towns. Here, though not to the same extent as farther east, there are at present several gaps still to be filled before the necessary chain of aerodromes is completed; so that the unemployed will have a large amount of useful work to do as their share in the execution of the great national and Imperial scheme on which the Canadian Government has embarked.

HERE. THERE
and
EVERYWHEREMost Caricatured Frenchman.
M. Cheron, the French Minister of Finance, is at present the most caricatured man in France.

There could be no clearer evidence of his popularity. His aldermanic corpulence, his fraternal manner, his large astonished eyes, his shabby leather portfolio and his eternal woollen muffler, wrapped several times round his ears, are affectionately regarded in every village in the country.

He is the man who is to produce the financial rabbit out of the Budgetary hat.

"Cleaning Up."
"Papa Cheron's" disregard of his personal appearance has already been eagerly seized upon by the humorists.

When he was sent for by the President of the Republic during the recent ministerial crisis, and he arrived in Paris after two nights in the train, M. Cheron astonished the journalists by declaring that he must "clean himself up" before appearing at the Elysee.

Admirers of his disdain of conventions were reassured when they saw that the sturdy Norman merely unwound the woollen muffler in which he emerged from the train, and realised that the "cleaning up" process did not go any farther.

Your Daily Smile.

ROAD SENSE

The report of the Safety First Association states that ninety-eight out of every hundred road accidents are avoidable. The other two are the other driver's fault as well.

One for the P.M.G.
One man's telephone is another man's wrong number.REVISED.
Truth is stranger than fiction—it is so much more uncommon.Circumstances Alter.
He calls a spade a spade,
Does Joe—
Except when he drops it
On his toe.PROGRESS
In a new kind of telephone-box you can get stamps. Very soon we shall be able to get telephone numbers.Facts You Did Not
Know.

Crude rubber which costs less than wood and burns readily without odor, is coming into use in England for kindling fires.

Intended for public places, a new automatic fire alarm uses a voice reproducing device to direct persons to the nearest exits.

A census recently taken in India indicated a population of approximately 351,000,000 as compared with 318,885,980 ten years ago.

Electrocution of cattle in packing plants has been found to produce better coloured meat and fat than killing with sledge hammers.

News In Brief.

The forthcoming wedding is announced between Mr. William Tait Johnstone, engineer, c/o Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, and Miss Christine Russell Wallace, of 6, Stanley Terrace.

Owing to the Special Gala Night to function at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday next, February 11, until 2 a.m., on the occasion of the visit of the World Tourists from the "Empress of Britain" the Management of the Regatta Bay Hotel advises that the usual Dinner Dance at that hotel will not take place that night.

One of the visitors to Hong Kong on the Empress of Britain will be Mr. G. Ward Price, the well-known journalist. Mr. Ward Price was formerly special foreign correspondent to the Daily Mail. He was War correspondent with the Turkish Army in the first Balkan War and was the Official War Correspondent at the Dardanelles with the Salonica Army. He is a director of the Associated Newspapers, Ltd., and Northcliffe Newspapers, Ltd.

THE SOVIET'S GIANT
STEEL TOWN"BOLD OR CRAZY AS
TIME MAY JUDGE"

THE "IRON RUSH"

(By MARTIN MOORE.)

You have seen a "gold rush" camp or a mushroom town of the Far West as depicted by American film-makers. Picture to yourself such a town, with its air of bustle and impermanence and confusion, but without its saloons and petty traders—and you have some idea of Magnitogorsk.

But it is not a gold rush or an oil rush that has brought nearly a quarter of a million people to camp here on the desolate steppe. For the first time in history the world is witnessing an "Iron rush."

Magnitogorsk is one of the key-stones of the Five-Year-plan, for without the iron and steel which the Soviets hope to produce there many of the large industrial plants can never work to capacity.

Magnitogorsk lies beyond the Ural range, a day's journey into Asia. The name means "Magnet Town," and denotes not (heaven forbid!) the social attractions of the place, but the magnetic quality of the exceptionally rich deposits of iron ore. These deposits are concentrated in a hill of almost solid iron, so rich is the ore.

Three years ago the Arctic wind blew down over the treeless steppe, smitten and blasted even in early autumn, and froze the narrow tracks of the Ural River.

To-day the same wind is driving the smoke of furnaces and coking ovens over a city of nearly 250,000 souls, whistling in telephone wires and electric cables, ruffling the waters of an artificial lake. Mechanical excavators are digging away the "Magnet Mountain," upon whose slopes the peasants used to graze their cattle. Hundreds of droshkies and carts go lurching over the tracks that are called roads merely because there happen to be no huts there.

Iron Mountain.
This is the most remarkable industrial enterprise in Russia—bold or crazy, as time may judge.

For here is the iron ore, rich and pure, right on the surface of the ground—but where is the coal to smelt it? More than fifteen hundred miles away, at Kuznetsk, in Southern Siberia, every ton of coal used in Magnitogorsk must be hauled this distance; and much of the iron and steel will have to be carried nearly as far to the factories that are to use them.

Moreover, Magnitogorsk is utterly devoid of natural supplies. Every ounce of food, every brick or stone, even the logs for the domestic fires, have to be brought many miles.

It is clear that on any normal calculation the cost of iron and steel produced in this inaccessible spot must be prodigious.

There were projects for exploiting the "Magnet Mountain" as long ago as the reign of Catherine the Great; but always it was realised that this factor of prime cost ruled out any possibility of economic working. It is here that the Communists point to their superiority. "We don't have to think about profits," they say.

Arsenal For War.
Probably the factor of cost has never been worked out. But it certainly seems permissible to conclude that a ton of steel produced here must cost in labour, materials, and transport considerably more than any ton of steel Russia might buy abroad.

It must be borne in mind, however, that the strategic importance of these Ural and Siberian centres is greater than their industrial significance.

They are designed to provide Russia in case of war, with an impregnable armaments and munition combine remote from any frontier.

They would not fail in this strategic object, even if they never proved "paying propositions" in the economic sense. They are a measure of national defence upon which the Bolsheviks are prepared to spend a lot of money, just as they are spending it on the army.

On Magnitogorsk alone they intend to spend 1,600,000,000 roubles, or more than £230,000,000, at current rates of exchange. They plan to make it the largest iron and

steel works in the world, producing 4,000,000 tons of pig-iron and 2,670,000 tons of steel every year.

There will be eight blast-furnaces and twenty-eight open-hearth furnaces, with coking plants and various accessory mills.

Long Behind Time.
Most of this ambitious plan is still paper. But enough has been done to show that the construction work will certainly be pushed through to the end. Indeed, the authorities are already discussing larger plans by which more of the iron and steel can be manufactured on the spot.

Whether this huge plant will ever be able to work to full capacity is another matter, which only time can decide. Some foreign experts are inclined to be sceptical. One German told me that the physical difficulties of transport were such that the plant could never, in the most favourable circumstances, work at more than about 65 per cent. of capacity.

Despite the feverish energy apparent on every side, Magnitogorsk is considerably behind the time schedule of the Five-Year Plan.

The Soviets still hope to complete the plant by the end of next year, but it is clear that this hope will not be fulfilled. Even optimistic observers place the date as 1935.

At the time of my visit two of the eight blast-furnaces, with their accompanying coking ovens, were in operation. Work was proceeding on the third furnace. This should have been finished last June; I was told by a Bolshevik director that it would be ready before the end of the year; but an American actually working on the construction suggested February as a more likely date.

The most serious failure is in the construction of the open-hearth furnaces, not one of which is yet in operation.

The latest figures available at the time of my visit showed that the two blast-furnaces had produced just over 150,000 tons of pig-iron, one of them having been in operation since Feb. 1, and the other since June 7. This was a little less than half what should have been produced in the time; but neither of the furnaces had been working to capacity, owing to frequent stoppages and the inexperience of the man in charge.

(Continued on Page 11.)

ROOSEVELT'S
INEXPENSIVE
INAUGURATIONMilitary Contingent
Curtailed.

NO CAVALRY ESCORT?

Warm Springs, Georgia.
A smaller parade and less expenditure, for the sake of Federal and State economy, are features of the simple inauguration ceremony planned by President-elect Roosevelt when he takes office on March 4.

The military contingent of the inaugural parade will be confined to one regiment of the army, one battalion of sailors, and one battalion of marines. National Guards units will not be included.

Mr. Roosevelt may break a precedent by asking for an escort of soldiers on motor-cycles instead of the customary escort of cavalry. This escort accompanies the retiring President and the incoming President as the latter goes from the White House to the Capitol to take the oath of office.

Soon after January 1, when newly elected Governors have taken office, the President-elect will invite the Governors of the 48 states to attend the inauguration.

He is asking the Governors taking part in the parade not to appear on horseback, as has been customary, but to ride in open motor cars.

Mr. Roosevelt will not attend the inaugural ball, but the younger members of his family will be there.—Reuter.

LORD SYDENHAM'S DEATH

Former Colonial Governor.

LONG, DISTINGUISHED CAREER

London, To-day. Lord Sydenham of Combe, G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.C.S.I., G.B.E., F.R.S., Vice-President of the Royal Colonial Institute and President of the National Council for Combating Venereal Disease, died here suddenly to-day from cerebral hemorrhage.—Reuter.

Lord Sydenham was born in 1848 and was educated at Haileybury. He was a Member of the Air Board from 1916 to 1917 and is Hon. Colonel of the 63rd Australian Infantry.

He was Governor of Victoria, Australia from 1901 to 1904 and Governor of Bombay from 1907 to 1913. He was a member of the Committee on National Insurance of War Risks and was Chairman of the Royal Commission on contagious diseases and also Chairman of the Queenstown Harbour Committee (1914-15).

He was a Director of the Standard Bank of South Africa and President of the British Science Guild. His publications include, "The Last Great Naval War," "Russia's Sea-Power" and "Imperial Defence."

CLAIM FOR \$301 DISMISSED.

Alleged Connection With Firm.

Judgment with costs was awarded this morning by Mr. Justice Wood in the Supreme Court, to Chan Ping Cho, defendant, against whom the Yuen Shing Tai Hong Firm claimed \$301.50, for goods sold and delivered.

Mr. P. C. E. Rendall appeared for the plaintiff and submitted that the defendant was formerly a partner in the Wing Tai Shing firm and had, during his term of office, been responsible for the transaction of a sale by his clients, the defendant having bought 15 bags of Rangoon tobacco leaf.

Mr. Cole, for the defendant, submitted that plaintiff had not proved his client had any connection with the Wing Tai Shing firm.

His Lordship was satisfied on this point and dismissed the claim.

CHINESE MERCHANT ASSAULTED.

Two Accountants Before The Court.

An alleged assault on a Chinese merchant at the Yuet Wah Boarding House, Connaught Road Central, yesterday, led to the appearance before Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning of two Chinese Leung Fat and Mak Luen, both described as accountants.

Mr. C. E. L. Grist appeared for the defence and the hearing was fixed for Friday afternoon.

The complainant, Chau Tak-chiu, was present in Court with his face swollen and right eye injured.

POPULAR PRESS OF TO-DAY.

Local Editor Talks On Journalism.

A stout defence of the popular press, its style of journalism and its presentation of news, was made by Mr. R. T. Barrett, editor of the Hong Kong Daily Press, in an address to the English Association at the Helena May Institute yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Barrett claimed that the best brains of British journalism to-day were to be found with the popular press, where a descriptive touch was required and old fashioned verbatim reports were banned.

TERRITORY ACCIDENT.

In a report to the Police yesterday, Ng Tin Choi stated that while driving a China Motor Bus Company vehicle along the Au Tau Main Road, New Territories, a Chinese seaman, who was riding a bicycle, suddenly swerved and was knocked down by the motor bus. He was removed to the Kowloon Hospital with a broken ankle.

Nine cases of small-pox and one case each of diphtheria and enteric fever were notified to the Health Authorities on Monday.

Little Change On Wall St.

Steady But Small Volume Of Business.

New York, To-day. The New York Market is again steady, reports Messrs. E. A. Pierce & Company. From the trading standpoint rails look the best. Many traders feel that the Market may get another test during the next few days. In the meantime we advise cautious purchases.

Industrials, rails, utilities and bonds all showed an upward trend, rising .31, .15, .28 and 1.17, respectively.

Business done was very small, only 580,000 shares changing hands.—Reuter.

A.P.C. BUILDING BURGLARIES.

Police Theory On Lock-Breaking.

Police investigations in connection with the recent burglaries at the Tabagueria Filipina tobacco store and "Elite" Styles, A. P. C. Building, have revealed that in both cases bolt cutters were used, as the staples were cleanly cut.

Chief Detective Inspector Shannon explained to a China Mail reporter that by using bolt cutters, the thieves did not bother about the locks or hasp, and entry in this way can be gained within a minute or half-a-minute.

"All the lock-up shops in that district of the town use the lock and hasp, but I suggest the application of a Yale lock to be closed from the inside," he said.

CAPT. BURNETT ON NAVY TERMS.

Interesting Lecture At Rotary Club.

Hong Kong Rotarians were favoured with an extremely interesting address at their weekly tiffin at the Gloucester Building yesterday, when Capt. R. L. Burnett, R.N., of H.M.S. Koppel, dealt with the origin of some of the terms associated with the Royal Navy.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy presided, and welcomed the following guests:—Rotarians J. Carl Penderay (Victoria, B.C.), J. M. X. Chollot (Canton), Dr. T. Z. Koo (Peking), Professor Tottenham, Comdr. R. C. V. Ross, Rev. H. F. Foley, Major V. E. Ducloux, Messrs. Crone (Shanghai), Berghoefer, R. C. H. Lim, Fisher, Wynne-Jones, A. Cheung and A. E. Bates.

The Chairman stated that they had telegraphed to Mr. Bernard Shaw, who was arriving in the Colony on Saturday by the Empress of Britain, asking him if he would address them, but he had written declining the invitation. Mr. Cassidy suggested they might ask Mr. Noel Coward.

ITALIAN CRUISER DELAYED.

Fleet Movements.

The Italian Cruiser, Libia, which was scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong on February 11 from Shanghai, has now notified the Naval authorities in Hong Kong that she will not leave Shanghai until the end of this month, arriving here the first week in March.

H.M.S. Berwick and Cornwall of the Fifth Cruiser Squadron, which left Hong Kong on Monday on fleet exercises, are expected to return to port by Friday afternoon.

H.M. Sloop Bridgewater arrived from Chinwangtao on Monday.

ECONOMY NECESSARY IN BRITAIN.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador at Washington, were present.

The meeting will be resumed to-day.—British Wireless Service.

Federal Constitution For India.

The Secretary for India, Sir Samuel Hoare, stated that the Government intended to lay a White Paper before Parliament, containing their full proposals for a Federal Constitution for India and to invite Parliament, before the Easter recess, to set up a joint select committee of both Houses, with power to confer with the Indians and to examine and report upon these proposals.—British Wireless Service.

ARGENTINE MISSION WELCOMED

Met At Victoria By Prince Of Wales.

OFFICIAL RECEPTION.

London, To-day.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in the uniform of a Colonel of the Irish Guards, was present at Victoria Station yesterday afternoon to welcome, on behalf of H.M. the King, Doctor Julio Roca, Vice-President of the Argentine Republic, who, with members of his Mission to Britain, arrived by the Royal train from Dover.

On greeting His Excellency as he stepped from the train, the Prince introduced him and his colleagues to the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, to representatives of the Army, Navy and Air Force and to Lord Trevellick, Chief Commissioner of Police.

The party, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, drove in Royal carriages to the Carlton Hotel, escorted by detachments of the 1st and 2nd Battalion of Life Guards.

Earlier in the afternoon, on reaching Dover by mail steamer from France, members of the Mission were greeted by Admiral Sir Henry Buller, Groom in waiting to the King, who is specially attached to the Mission.

A Guard of Honour was drawn up at the quayside and military and civil authorities were present to welcome the guests.—British Wireless Service.

BELGIAN LOURDES DISCOVERY?

Children's Story Of Holy Apparition.

PILGRIMAGE STARTED.

Paris. In a miniature grotto in the little Convent of Notre Dame at Beauraing near the Franco-Belgian frontier are five little Belgian children who say they have seen the Virgin Mary.

An eleven-year-old boy and four girls aged 9, 11, 12, and 15 respectively all give the same account of the miraculous apparition and give identical answers when questioned separately. "The Virgin is the most beautiful person we have ever seen," they declare.

The doctors of Beauraing and Mastere have examined the children and declare—"We are in presence of a most peculiar case which is not collective hallucination. The children questioned separately give identical explanations. They vary only on one point; little Albert asserts that the apparition is continuous, while the four girls declare that there are interruptions."

Four doctors, who accompanied the children to the grotto, fricked their cheeks with a knife, burnt matches under their joined hands and flashed electric lamps rapidly in their eyes—there was not the slightest reaction. The children remained in an ecstatic trance.

When the children asked the Virgin if she would perform a miracle and cure two of their relations, one blind, the other paralysed, she made no promise but replied "come here the day of the Immaculate Conception."

The little town of Beauraing with its 2,000 inhabitants is invaded by an army of ten thousand devotees and the grotto itself is surrounded by cripples, blind people, hunchbacks and consumptives.—Reuter.

CHINESE EDITOR FINED \$50.

Mr. Lai Yui, the Editor of the Hong Kong Shui Po, was this morning fined \$50 by Mr. W. Schofield, in the Central Magistracy, for publishing an indecent advertisement.

Defendant, who was summoned by the Secretary of Chinese Affairs, pleaded guilty.

Det. Sub-Inspector Elston prosecuted.

Thirty-two cases of small-pox (23 occurring in the Kowloon and 9 in Hong Kong), with 9 deaths were notified to the Health Authorities during the week ended February 4. Other returns are as follows:—diphtheria 8 cases, 2 deaths; enteric fever 5 cases, 1 death (one imported); meningitis 7 cases, 1 death (two imported); tuberculosis 55 deaths.

To-Day's Short Story.

LEGEND AND LUCK

By F. Dudley Hoys.

A MILLION diamonds sparkled to greet the dawn. They flashed and glittered as the last wraiths of night stole away and the horizon leapt into being. On every stiff tree the frost lay heavy. Now and then its grip made a twig snap, the report ringing crisply on the stillness. Everything seemed held by the icy rule, except the stream. And that, to show its independence, curled merrily to welcome another day.

In the east the light grew stronger. Purple hills rose as if by magic. A great army of firs gathered silently like desert raiders from afar. Their colour and outline became more distinct under the morning's fairy touch.

Down below, the stream lost its shining blackness, changed to grey, then silver-blue. Without warning the smooth waters parted, and something round bobbed into sight. Dolgo, the otter, wanted air. Lazily, with the ease of his kind, he swam to the rimmed bank and scrambled up. From his reddish coat he shook a shower, and for a moment the vest of grey silk was exposed. Then he eyed the world with a sort of careless scorn, and rested.

A mighty veteran, this Dolgo. Summer and winter he ruled the stream. Wherever his twenty-five pounds of strength and speed wandered, the water-folk bowed to discretion and kept clear. Even pike gave him a wide berth, and as for the voles—they belted at the first warning.

So he might have had reason to be content if mischievous Nature had not played him a queer trick. It was nothing less than the gift of

WORKERS BREATHE DEATH.

Perils Of Silica Dust.

Pasadena, California.

The main thing that kills workmen is what they breathe, and not accidents, said Professor J. H. S. Haldane, the famous British Biologist, in a lecture at the California Institute of Technology.

In England," he stated, "one of the most dangerous occupations is that of cutlery grinding. Mortality among these workers is 330 per cent, greater than the average. It is not that they cut themselves, but the enormous amount of disease due to silica dust.

"The occupations in which there is the highest death rate are those in which silica dust is generated. This frequently leads to pulmonary tuberculosis. The dangerous effect of gases in industrial occupations is well-known, said Doctor Haldane, because, death being quick, the inquest tells the tale. But inquests do not reveal the cause of deaths which occur from five to seven years later.

Coal dust, he said, is not so bad. The phagocytes in the blood carry it away. In South Africa in fact, workers in quartz mines are transferred for one month a year to coal mines, so that the phagocytes will have some coal dust to carry away, and at the same time take away the silica dust which has accumulated during the previous twelve months.—Reuter.

REV. C. I. BLANCHETT

Impressive Funeral At Canton.

One of the most impressive funerals ever witnessed in Canton was conducted on Monday morning by the Right Rev. Bishop Hall, when the remains of the Rev. C. I. Blanchett, for thirty-three years missionary of the C.M.S. and for over twenty years Chaplain of Christ Church, Shanghai, were laid to rest.

Many wreaths were sent.

WEATHER FORECAST.

"Probably" some rain is the weather forecasted. In to-day's report issued from the Royal Observatory, which predicts north-east winds, moderate; fine at first, cloudy later.

three youngsters, presented to him by his wife so late in the year that now, with Christmas near them, they were still too young to fend for themselves.

Three fluffy balls they were, snuggling and whimpering in the bolt up-stream, their mother on guard against rats and suchlike marauders. Their appetites were unlimited, and to keep them supplied in these hard winter times was a task almost beyond even great Dolgo's power.

Most Decemberers had been holidays, carefree, lolling days with his mate, when they swam and dived and rolled and cuddled, and only foraged at odd intervals. This Christmas, life was a ceaseless hunt.

Fame has its drawbacks. Had Dolgo been an obscure otter, he might have raided with some safety in the daytime. But the whole of Cotherford knew his reputation, and the local hunt had sworn to get him sooner or later. In heaven knows how many "worries" he had led the hounds a dance, used his blunt claws

TO-MORROW'S STORY.

To-morrow's story will be "An Error of Judgment," by Anthony Gittins.

to sound effect, and swam clear. Quite a dozen tender muzzles bore marks of his fighting skill. It was difficult, then, for Dolgo to cruise in daylight, scenting out food, and yet escape the keen eyes of watchers.

So far he had been lucky. But supplies were becoming more scarce, and while the cold weather lasted only boldness and risk could cope with the hungry youngsters' demands. Once or twice he had actually raided a farmyard and carried off a squalling hen. Daring and foolhardy. This Christmas, it seemed, offered no peace and good will, but very great peril to Dolgo.

And yet, resting on the bank, this chilly dawn, he looked, in a way troubled. His spiky whiskers stood up proudly. His small eyes twinkled. He studied a holly-bush, its berries almost startling in this crimson against the white fall of frost, and went nearer to investigate. Finding their taste less attractive than their colour, he slid over the bank, dived, and left a trail of popping bubbles. Ten yards ahead he came up, gliding with the current. The stream twined and twisted, gurgling past stark dead reeds, brown clumps that had been flaming loosestrife in the earlier months, stretches of lichen gemmed fantastically with frost.

Rounding a bend he heard sounds. Instinctively he made for the bank, swimming cautiously beneath its shadow. Then he saw something that checked his pace.

Ahead, in a widening of the stream opposite the ruins of Bovey Abbey, was a huge, whirling something that hissed and fought. Dolgo had seen nothing like it before. But caution rather than fear held him back.

Wings beating, black-tipped back darting in vain, the Something struggled with an unseen enemy. Twice it stretched its neck, laboured as if to rise. The effort was wasted. Again the beak swooped down, snapping viciously. The stream foamed about it, rippling away in wide circles.

Then Dolgo saw a flash of silver, a gleam of sharp teeth. It was enough. He dived, shooting below surface towards the battle.

The Something—a stray swan who had no right here in Somerset—drew up her leg and lunged. The other was held fast in the jaws of a giant pike. She had met her match and was weakening fast. Soon that scaled tiger of the fresh-water would drag her down, a goodly Christmas fill for his voracious belly.

Came a swirl, a line of bubbles. The pike lost its hold, swept round to meet a fury that whistled and scratched and bit. It saw Dolgo's sleek head and tried to dodge. Balked, it made a frantic snap, caught the other's tail in its jaws. Dolgo wriggled, dived. He came to the surface in one wild leap jerked free, let out a tearing blow that caught the pike across the gills. Spitting fury, he dived again, a devil of fur and teeth and claws. When he came up the water was stained red, and his teeth were sunk deep in the diving pike.

(Continued on Page 10.)

REFINEMENT & QUALITY WHICH COMMAND ATTENTION



The outer appearance of 'JAEGER' And Scotch Knitted Sweaters leaves nothing to be desired, regardless of the merits concealed in manufacture, thoroughly British materials, medium prices and consistently high standard of quality, they enjoy an unrivalled prestige which is world-wide.

New stocks now showing in Pullover or Button-up Styles with or without sleeves.

WM. POWELL, LTD.
9, Queen's Road Central — Ice House Street Corner.

DRYCLEANING & DYEING with up-to-date machinery and by experts. PROMPT-NEAT-RELIABLE. Dresses and suits returned on wire-hangers free of charge. Special Motor van collects and delivers all orders through our agents, twice daily. Direct delivery can be arranged. **EVER-NEW CLEANING & DYEING CO.** Head Office and Works: 303, Main Street, Shaukiwan West. Tel. 26005.

AGENTS:—
Shanghai Silk Mart, 80, Queen's Road Central.
Yee Hing, 61, Des Voeux Road Central.
Asia Tailoring Co., 331, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

SINCERE'S ANNUAL STOCK-TAKING SALE

NOW PROCEEDING
THE BIG ANNUAL THRIFT EVENT!

MAN LOONG.

PRESERVED GINGER MANUFACTURERS.

NEW SEASON PRESERVED GINGER

Best Quality — Prompt attention to Exporters.

Office:—2, Dundas Street, Kowloon. Tel. 57088.
Factory:—2, Godown, Praya, Dundas Street, Mongkok.

JUST ARRIVED

A SHIPMENT OF

TUBORG BEER

TUBORG

Purveyors to

The Royal Danish

Court.

The most popular

Danish Beer



Sole Agents:—

GANDE, PRICE & CO., LTD.

WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

St. George's Building, Ice House Street.

Tel. 20135.

HONG KONG.

The Viva-tonal Columbia

NEW STANDARD TABLE GRAND
ALWAYS THE FAVOURITE IN HOME MODELS

\$140.00.

WITH ELECTRIC MOTOR

\$160.00.

Less 10 % discount for Cash.

All fittings Chromium plated.

The Anderson Music Co., Ltd.
Ice House St. Tel. 21322.



WATNEY'S

BRITISH ALES AND STOUT

HEALTH GIVING and BODY BUILDING.

SPARKLING ALE

NUT BROWN ALE

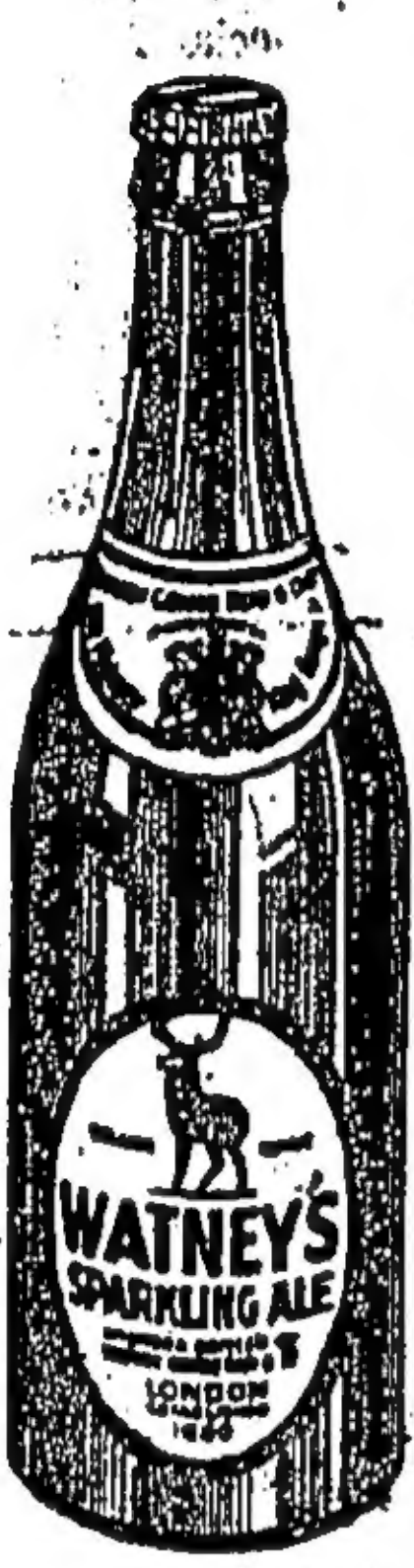
STOUT

AND STINGO

A STRONG ALE THOROUGHLY RECOMMENDED.

If your compradors does not stock these popular brands apply direct to the local agents.

W. R. LOXLEY & CO.




No Other Refrigerator Offers All These ADVANTAGES

1. Liberal dividends in better health, food-saving, convenience and lessened operation cost.
2. Modern, hermetically-sealed, quiet mechanism in the top out of sight that assures trouble-free performance.
3. Efficient operation in warm climates, under pantry shelves, in wall recesses and other places where there is very little natural air circulation.
4. Not only stops but starts up automatically when unusual conditions interrupt operation.
5. "The best looking refrigerator you have ever seen."

Make comparisons for yourself and then come to see us for an actual demonstration of the Westinghouse.

Westinghouse Refrigerator

Sole Agents for Hong Kong & South China:
REISS, MASSEY & CO., LTD.
Queen's Road C. Telephone 28029. Shumee, Canton.



THREE BOXING TITLE FIGHTS FOR FEB. 15

GOLDMAN BEATS GRAY

Loser's Impetuosity Against Steadiness.

K. H. WONG SURPRISES.

Wimbledon Player Fully Extended.

(By Ace).

L. Goldman, H. K. C. C. Champion and favoured candidate for the Semi-Final Round, overcame the first obstacle in his path to the Colony Lawn Tennis Championship when he convincingly defeated S. A. Gray, a promising player, by scores of 6-2, 6-2.

The only surprise of the afternoon was the victory of K. H. Wong, the smallest and youngest entrant, over Luk Ding-cheong after he had dropped the first set at 8-6.

Those spectators who were anticipating the debut of Tsui Yan-pui, brother of Tsui Wai-pui, were disappointed. Ho Ka-lau, his opponent, was forced to postpone the game owing to illness. The match will be played on Friday at 8.15 p.m.

Denis H. Hazell, the only on-trant who has played at Wimbledon, was fully extended to beat Tsui Ping-fan, a clever exponent of the chop stroke, and was forced to three sets before he won at 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

J. W. Leonard, who very nearly eliminated M. W. Lo last year and who is considered one of the most promising of the junior players, enjoyed a comfortable win over Firdos Khan.

Goldman gave a very pleasing display in his game against Gray, though he was given far too many points to show his true worth. As I suggested yesterday Gray's impetuosity caused his downfall, and Goldman's steadiness won the day.

Gray possessed an excellent forehand drive which gained him his few points, but his backhand was very weak indeed. His anticipation was not of a very high standard and his service was his main weakness.

Goldman has undoubtedly a very fair chance of reaching the last four. His ground shots have been considerably strengthened, and he has fully recovered all his former deadliness overhead. His anticipation is sound and a great asset to his volleying game. His backhand is more reliable than his forehand, though the latter stroke is both accurate and aggressive.

The only surprise of the day was the defeat of Luk Ding-cheong by K. H. Wong, the diminutive player. K. H. Wong should feel satisfied with his display against Luk Ding-cheong, who recorded one victory over M. W. Lo in his championship year in 1929. He was most accurate in his placements, and had his strokes had more power behind them he would have won in straight sets. He has shown improvement on last year's form, when he took one game off E. C. Fletcher in the First Round. He is unfortunately matched against Goldman in the Second Round.

Luk is a nice player to watch, but the small Wong is even a better sight. Holding a racket which appeared too heavy for him he fought back point by point, playing a beautiful forehand top spin stroke throughout.

In the last set Dr. Wong's son had Luk well beaten, sending him scurrying all over the court with nicely placed back-hand and fore-hand drives. He also lobbed very effectively.

N. A. E. Mackay was well beaten by Lee Hua-ngok. The latter played a fine game, his placing being excellent, and his kills at the net were executed with deadly accuracy. He lobbed very effectively against a player who could do little with the ball.

D. H. Hazell beat Choi Ping-fan in three sets, both players resorting to "pat-ball" play. Choi relied on the cut stroke, and his sense of anticipation stood him in good stead.

The following were the detailed results:

L. Goldman beat S. A. Gray 6-2, 6-2.

Lee Hua-ngok beat N. A. E. Mackay 6-3, 6-3.

K. H. Wong beat Luk Ding-cheong 6-3, 6-3, 6-1.

M. W. LO ABLE TO PLAY BUT EARNshaw DOUBTFUL

Leaving For Shanghai Shortly.

The First Round match between M. W. Lo and L. C. Earnshaw, scheduled for today, is still very doubtful.

M. W. Lo told the China Mail this morning that Earnshaw is leaving for Shanghai in the early part of next week, and that he was uncertain whether he would be able to play to-day.

J. W. Leonard beat Firdos Khan 6-0, 6-1.

D. H. Hazell beat Tsui Ping-fan 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

Yew Man-kit beat G. Lai 6-4, 6-2.

Who They Meet in the Second Round.

L. Goldman v K. H. Wong.

Lee Hua-ngok v Ho Ka-lau or Tsui Yan-pui.

J. W. Leonard v D. H. Hazell.

Yew Man-kit v C. E. Abbas or Tam Yee-fong.

To-day's Games.

THREE MATCHES BEING POSTPONED.

M. W. Lo In Action.

TO-DAY'S programme has been considerably curtailed by the absence of three Naval competitors. Comdr. Packer and Comdr. Shaw are both away on H. M. S. Kent and H. L. Doggett is in Manila with H. M. S. Hermes.

The absence of Doggett has robbed spectators of the opportunity of seeing "Sammy" Green, Champion from 1915-1917 inclusive, in action. Considerable interest will surround the match between M. W. Lo, the 1929 champion, and L. C. Earnshaw, though the Chinese player will not be seen at his best owing to ill-health. He should, however, win without unduly exerting himself.

Tam Yee-fong, last year's finalist in the Hanoi Championship, will be making his debut against C. E. Abbas, and should qualify to meet Yew Man-kit in the Second Round.

CLUB "A" FIFTEEN FOR THIS AFTERNOON.

Against Destroyers.

The following will represent the Rugby Club "A" fifteen against H. M. Destroyers on the Club ground at 5.15 p.m. to-day:

A. F. Jenkins, A. H. Harbord, S. J. H. Fox, N. M. Cochrane, D. Hynes, A. D. Lawson, N. M. MacIntosh, G. C. Montrose, J. H. McElroy, S. H. Garrod, R. I. Stilliard, F. G. Nigel, A. K. Munro, C. Austin and A. R. Cox.

Reserves: A. W. Torrible, G. E. S. King and W. Harris Walker.

HOME FOOTBALL FORECAST FOR SATURDAY

Motherwell v. Rangers: Hearts Visit Celtic.

FIRST DIVISION.

ARSENAL (2) v Blackpool (0)

BIRMINGHAM (2) v LEEDS (0)

CHelsea (3) v ASTON VILLA (0)

HULL CITY (2) v NEWCASTLE (0)

LEICESTER (1) v BOLTON (0)

LIVERPOOL (1) v EVERTON (0)

MANCHESTER (3) v DERBY (0)

PORTS. (0) v MIDDLESBROUGH (0)

SHEFFIELD U. (1) v WOLVES (0)

SUNDERLAND (2) v BLACKBURN (0)

WESTBROM (1) v WEDNESDAY (0)

SECOND DIVISION.

BRADFORD (3) v CHARLTON (0)

BURY (3) v STOKE (0)

GRIMSBY (1) v LUTON (0)

MILLWALL (6) v CHESTERFIELD (0)

NOTTS C. (1) v SWANSEA (0)

OLDHAM (1) v TOTTENHAM (0)

PLYMOUTH (6) v Notts F. (0)

PORT VALE (2) v BRADFORD C. (0)

PRESTON (0) v MANCHESTER U. (0)

SOUTHAMPTON (1) v FULHAM (0)

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH).

Aldershot (1) v Reading (0)

Bournemouth (1) v BRENTFORD (0)

BRIGHTON (0) v NORTHAMPTON (0)

Bristol R. (0) v NORWICH (0)

CLAPTON (0) v BELFAS (0)

CRYSTAL P. (1) v GUILDFORD (0)

Luton (0) v EXETER (0)

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH).

Accrington (2) v York (0)

CHESTER (4) v Barnsley (0)

DARLINGTON (0) v Hartlepool (0)

Doncaster (0) v Barnsley (0)

Gateshead (2) v Tranmere (0)

MANSFIELD (2) v Rochdale (0)

NEW BRIGHTON (4) v Carlisle (0)

Rotherham (3) v CREWE (0)

Southport (1) v HULL (0)

STOCKPORT (1) v Halifax (0)

WALSALL (2) v Wrexham (0)

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Airdrie (1) v ST. JOHNSTONE (0)

Ayr (1) v HAMILTON (0)

CELTIC (3) v Hearts (0)

COWDEN (3) v Clyde (0)

DUNDEE (2) v Morton (0)

E. Stirling (1) v KILMARNOCK (0)

MOTHERWELL.

WELL (4) v Rangers (0)

PARTICK (1) v Falkirk (0)

ST. MIRREN (2) v Queen's Park (0)

LANARKSHIRE.

Forbes (1) brackets denote the result of the corresponding games last season.

Teams in the heavy black type are forecasted to win.

FOLEY v JUDGE IN HEAVYWEIGHT

Fraggott To Meet Christie.

Hall Fitted Against Barry For Lightweight Crown.

THREE 15-ROUND BOUTS.

(Special to the "China Mail.")

The "China Mail" was exclusively informed last night that as a result of successful negotiations, three big boxing fights for belts and purses will be staged by the Hong Kong Boxing Association at the Lee Theatre on February 15, and not on February 11 as was previously announced.

A.B. Foley of H.M.S. Berwick who has just come out from Home with an excellent reputation is matched to meet A.B. Judge of H.M.S. Whithead, Heavyweight Champion of the China Squadron and one of the most promising of British heavyweights for the Colony Championship.

A.B. Fraggott, also of the Berwick and holder of the Welterweight title of the West of England, will meet A.B. Christie of the Medway, another middleweight with promising prospects.

A.B. Barry, Lightweight champion of the West of England will meet Petty Officer Hall of H.M.S. Bruce, a firm Hong Kong favourite with a knockout punch in both hands.

The title bout will be over 15 rounds, and the weights of the contestants will be announced later. The other two main attractions will be over eight rounds.

In addition to these three main attractions, other professional fights in the Featherweight, Welterweight and Lightweight classes will be fought between men not yet selected. These fights will be over 6 rounds.

The China Mail Sports Diary.

TO-DAY

Hockey—Friendly Matches

Hong Kong Hockey Club seniors v. Lincolnshire Regiment

(U.S.R.C. ground, 5 p.m.)

Manak Tournament

Tamar v. Kowloon Indians (King's Park, 4.15 p.m.)

University v. Phoenix (King's Park, 4.15 p.m.)

Hunting

Fanning Hunt Hounds Meet (The R. Kowloon, 3.15 p.m.)

Lawn Tennis—Open Singles

M. W. Lo v L. C. Earnshaw

C. E. Abbas v. Tam Yee-fong

M. H. F. Waring v. F. N. Wong

W. F. Edge v. A. J. Stocker

Lu Tak-chouk v. Chiu Chun-chiu

D. G. Dunham v. R. P. Newell

Rugby

Club "A" v. Destroyers (Valley, 5.15 p.m.)

SLIMFORM MIDFORM BROADFORM LOTUS DELTA

STYLE IS IMPORTANT BUT COMFORT COMES FROM FIT!

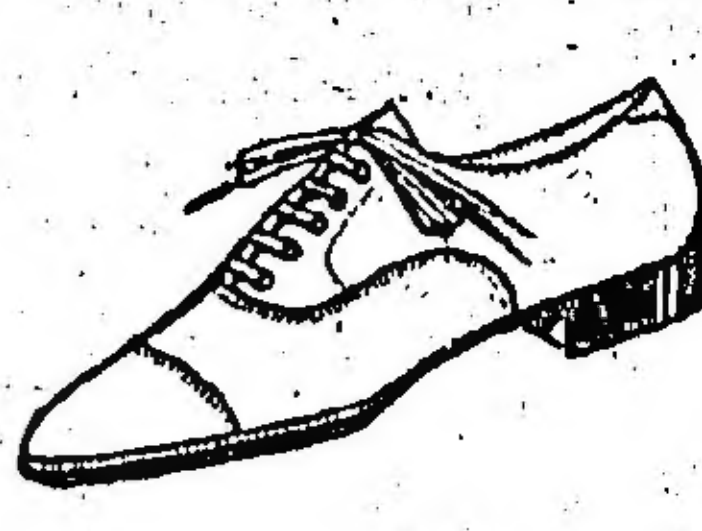
GET BOTH IN LOTUS OR DELTA

When you are thinking of buying new shoes, ask to see LOTUS or DELTA

Priced from \$25.00 a pair Less 10 % Cash Discount

LANE, CRAWFORD, LTD.

Men's Wear Stylists.



STARTS SATURDAY AT THE CENTRAL.

A gripping story of the Air Mail flyer.

AIR MAIL

A Universal Super Production, with Ralph Bellamy, Pat O'Brien, Lillian Bond and Gloria Stuart.

PHONE 57022 or 21279.

Dry CLEANING

Curtains, Loose Covers, Rugs, Suits, Overcoats, Raincoats, Gowns, Day-Frocks, Costumes, (Carpets Shampooed) "In Fact" There is Hardly Any Fabric in Textiles We Cannot Dryclean. Our Men Will Call For Your Orders.

THE STEAM LAUNDRY CO.

THE LARGEST DRYCLEANERS AND LAUNDRYMEN IN THE FAR EAST

HEAD OFFICE & WORKS, Mongkok, Tel. 57032.

KOWLOON HOTEL DEPOT, Tel. 58545.

HONG KONG DEPOT, 60, Queen's Road Central, Tel. 21279.

PEAK HOTEL DEPOT, Tel. 28071.

PENINSULA HOTEL (Visitors only).

HONG KONG HOTEL (Visitors only).

GLOUCESTER BUILDING (Residents only). Tel. 28938.

SPECIAL VALETTERIA SERVICE

No. 2, Peninsula Hotel Arcade, Tel. 58081.

No. 38, Nathan Road, Tel. 58908.

No. 80, Queen's Road Central, Tel. 21279.

EVERY MAN THINKS HIS WIFE IS DIFFERENT FROM 13 WOMEN

But Can He Be Sure?

DECIDE FOR YOURSELF AT THE CENTRAL NEXT WEEK.

LATEST INVENTION American Chemical Diamonds.

These diamonds are equal to real diamonds in all respects. Specially in brilliancy of lustre, hardness, etc. Can cut glass like real diamonds. Proof against fire, acid, water, oil, etc. These diamonds can be washed with soap and water and can be used for more than 100 years. Price per carat H.K.\$7.50. Terms Cash or C.O.D. Those who purchase diamonds to the value of H.K.\$20 or more will get 20% discount. Send your order direct to the American Chemical Diamond Co., P.O. Box No. 240, Peking, S.S. When ordering mention "China Mail."





SPORT PAGE



IMPRESSIVE GALLOPS THIS MORNING

Coo Coo Bay Over 1 1/4 Miles.

CLOCKS 2.45.0.

Trentbridge Takes Things Easily Over Same Distance.

BANJOLINA VERY FIT.

(By RAPIER.)

Coo Coo Bay performed a useful gallop this morning when he clocked 2.45.0 over the 1 1/4 miles. The pony covered the last half mile in 1.02.3 with a last quarter of 30.1.

It certainly is going to prove a great race between Trentbridge and Coo Coo Bay for the Derby. Trentbridge was taken over a slow 1 1/4 mile this morning clocking 0.30.0 over the last quarter. I hear that it is very probable that Mr. G. U. da Rosa will have charge of the pony against Mr. William Hill on Coo Coo Bay.

Brechin was taken out over the full Derby distance and showed up quite well with 1.38.0 for the last three quarters. A pleasing point about his gallop was that he did not "stink" coming down the straight, as has been previously suggested.

Liberty Bay covered the 3/4 mile of a mile gallop in 1.36.0 with a last quarter of 0.28.0. He is looking a picture.

Dianna Bay was taken for a canter and covered the 3/4 mile in 1.59.0 with a last quarter of 30. The pony was never extended and looked in excellent condition.

Sadko, Glencagles and Cyclamen Bay were all out and all three looked very fit.

Bright Star and Lunar Star were not galloped, and I understand that the former is being held back with a view to winning the Old Course Plate, which will be decided on the first day of the Meeting—Saturday week.

Racing Boy and Bistre appear to be very fit, and I was surprised by the appearance of Banjolina. He might be worth a long shot, even against the former two, in the Garrison Cup. The pony was moving beautifully this morning.

Rosy Morn Tears Up the Course.

Rosy Morn continued to tear up the course, and clocked a 0.31.0 in his first quarter of a mile gallop. He was then held in by the riding boy and came back again to clock 0.28.4 in the last quarter.

Portin did a good gallop over a mile, recording 0.28.4 for the last quarter. Ngkut continued to impress over a slower 3/4 mile than is usual for that pony.

City of Brisbane showed signs of improvement, but he is not good enough for a win at the Annual Meeting. If he is transferred to the "B" Class for the extra season he might then stand a chance.

Mr. D. S. Li looks as if he may annex a place in the Derby on Charming Star and Solar Star should provide him with a winner in the shorter races.

I understand that Mr. T. Y. Tung is not coming down to Hong Kong for the Meeting and that Mr. S. N. Pan, the local Chinese champion jockey, will be the first-string rider of the Gold Stable. Mr. Needs is probably riding for Mr. A. M. L. Soares.

The subscription griffins are still on the slow side, and prove disappointing at every try-out.

Mr. "Johnny" Heard was out on Jingle this morning. This pony is certain of a win, and is already a warm favourite.

MARES FOR INDIA.

Sir Victor Sassoon is exporting to India several mares from his Moorland Stud at Newmarket. These include the Egyptian mare, Pink Parchment, who is in foal to Captain O'Neil's son, Mint Master; her dam, Rosalia, who is by Phalaris and in foal to Hot Night.

THE OLD PONIES FOR THE MEETING

D. S. LI SHOULD WIN THE SYCEE PLATE

DUNBAR STABLE SHOULD CARRY ALL BEFORE IT

(By Falcon.)

IN discussing the chances of the old ponies, one cannot help feeling that the Dunbar stable with their formidable string of "classy" candidates, ought to be able to pick and choose the races they want at the forthcoming Annual Meeting.

Many people have asked whether Diana Bay or Liberty Bay is the better pony. Liberty Bay has undoubtedly clocked better times than Diana Bay, but the latter is to my mind far the better of the two ponies, and when they clash—if ever they should—Diana Bay will carry my humble portion of support.

In addition to these two stalwarts Mr. Dunbar has Glencagles, a very reliable pony over short distances and even over middle distances. Glencagles won all his engagements last year except one, when he was obviously unfit. It will be interesting to see how he fares this year.

Another very good speedster in the "Dunbar" stable is Cyclamen Bay. It will be recalled that this pony accounted for Apollo last year, and as he is fit and sound this year, he might prove a tough proposition once again. Cyclamen Bay in his griffin days was the winner of the Maidens.

Sitting Bull and Tiana (Mrs. Dunbar's) are not so formidable nowadays, and the former, although possessing a long record, is not likely to cause much damage next week. He is still a very good pony for the mile and half upwards, but there are so few long races that Sitting Bull's spoils will be very limited this year.

THE DYNASTY STABLE. The Dynasty Stable has the second best string of old ponies. In King's Bounty and Hetman, the stable has two record holders—one over five furlongs and the other over the mile and a quarter. It is likely that King's Bounty will give Glencagles a very hard race for the China Stakes on the first day of the meeting and it would not be very surprising if King's Bounty won, although admittedly, on recent performances, Glencagles appears to have a better claim.

As for Hetman, the pony can do 2.30 over a mile and a quarter, and the only candidates likely to beat him are Mr. Dunbar's cracks. Wild Life, being now in very good trim, might extend Hetman over a mile and a quarter, but he does not seem to me to be good enough to beat him.

The "Dynasty" stable also has King's Justice, a very much improved pony that ought to do very well in races where the best talent is absent.

THE STAR STABLE.

The "Star" stable has some very good candidates in the "old ponies" class. Bright Star and Lunar Star are a very formidable pair, and they are likely to run into places during the meeting, but unlikely to win if they should come across any of the ponies mentioned earlier in this article. However, both ponies are entered for the Old Course Plate which is the second event on the programme on the first day, and whichever mount Mr. D. S. Li should select, will win.

Blue Star and Meridian Star are entered for the Sycee Plate (six furlongs), and here again much will depend on which pony Mr. Li will ride. If Meridian Star is his choice he is very likely to walk away with this event. The race is for "B," "C" and "D" class ponies which have not won more than \$2,000 in stakes during last year.

Mr. Reidy's ponies have been acquired by Mr. Chan Wing-yung, and Bag and Baggie may win the stable some races, as he is distinctly an "A" class pony and is likely to pick up a race or two. He is remarkably fit at the moment. The same remarks apply to Gay Crusader—a very handy customer,

thoroughly dependable and honest.

SADKO WILL WIN.

Mr. Soares will be represented by at least one classy candidate among the old "una. This is Sadko, a very outstanding candidate during the extra meetings. Many will recall his excellent mile when he won one of the Aggregate Stakes late in the season, and if he can reproduce that form at the Annual Meeting, he will win something.

Mesara, Wuang and Li have Wild Life, a pony which had the misfortune to come up against Liberty Bay throughout last year. If he proves more fortunate at the Annual Meeting, he will earn his owners some very deserving stakes money. Incidentally Mr. Li Tsong-fong (part owner of Wild Life) has another good candidate in Gold Key, who, however, does not appear at the moment to be on the top of his form.

THE OLD SUBS.

Of the old subscription griffins which will take part at the forthcoming meeting, Racing Boy and Bistre, in that order are still the best two candidates and they ought to win everything between them. It is gratifying to see that Philanderer is sound and well once again, and this pony might "pop" a surprise—but not against Racing Boy!

Valley Hall, Banjolina, Buchanan, Chiu Quan, Cy-Fres, Whoopee and Helter Skelter are all in good shape, and it would be as well to bear these names in mind as they are quite likely to create an upset should Racing Boy fall—which, I must say, is extremely improbable.

AUSTRALIAN PONIES.

Polar Star or Woodland Stag for the Australian races confined to 1931 and 1932 ponies? Many think that Polar Star is unbeatable. Quite a few think that Woodland Stag will beat him. Both are being carefully trained and both, outwardly at least, appear to be in the pink of condition. When they meet, records will probably be lowered.

Outside of these two ponies, The Giraffe and Lucy Glitters appear to be the pick of the bunch. There is at least one race where these two ponies are due to meet, and although The Giraffe has always proved better than Lucy Glitters in the past, I am not so sure that the position might not be reversed when they meet in the course of Race Week.

Wotia and City of Melbourne are two others who might create surprises, especially the latter over middle distances.

Eleven-Year-Old South African Racing Prodigy

Racing people at home are intrigued by the news that Terry Ryan, one of the most promising apprentices discovered in South Africa since the days when Frank Wootton created such a furor in 1904, has arrived in England.

A son of the leading trainer in Durban, young Ryan emanates from the right school, and apparently possesses a natural aptitude as a rider. "Born in the saddle," Terry forced himself into prominence during 1932—his first season. When still in his eleventh year, he rode 19 winners, an extraordinary record, and infinitely better than the first-year experience of Frank Wootton, whose career started at precisely the same age with his father, "Dick" Wootton, in Johannesburg.

Subsequently, Frank Wootton developed into one of the best light-weight jockeys in the world. All connected with Ryan are hopeful he will in time follow in the

THE AGUA CALIENTE HANDICAP

Gallant Sir Now Favourite.

ARMED GUARD FOR PHAR LAP'S HALF BROTHER.

Agua Caliente, Mexico, Feb. 1. The withdrawal of Plucky Play from the entry list to-day made Gallant Sir the favourite for the \$50,000 Agua Caliente Handicap here on March 26.

Plucky Play was scratched by its owner, Norman W. Church, who said it would be shipped to Havana for the Cuban memorial, leaving Gallant Sir to carry the Church colours in the local classic. Gallant Sir will be quoted at 4 to 1 in future books, scheduled to be realized to-morrow, local commissioners said.

Plucky Play had been the top weights favourite, drawing an impost of 124 pounds in the field of 35 potential starters.

Initial workouts are being planned for Pillow Fight, half brother of the famed Phar Lap, and New Zealand entry.

Pillow Fight and its stablemate, Tea Trader, were brought here last night by their owner, David J. Davis, Australia and San Francisco sportsman, who posted an armed guard about their quarters.

The horses arrived at Los Angeles harbour yesterday after 14 days uneventful journey from Auckland.—United Press.

REMARKABLE RIDING AT CHELTENHAM

Jockey Retains Seat When Mount Falls.

London, Jan. 25.

Cheltenham has never been regarded as a jockey's paradise and the usual "chapter of accidents" attended the first meeting there this season.

Yet there was one outstanding fall on the opening day that will long be remembered by visitors to the course.

After jumping the first fence Lost Dynasty, owned and trained by Mr. W. J. Arrowsmith, came down practically flat on his body with his legs sprawling.

Retained His Seat. J. Browne, the jockey, could not jump clear as his stirrup leather had wound round his leg. Despite the fact that his feet and legs touched the ground Browne held on tenaciously and retained his seat as the horse scrambled to his legs.

But, while the extraordinary incident had left the jockey little the worse for the experience, the horse's exertions had taken toll of his stamina and he pulled up after going a few yards.

J. Browne is attached to Alex Laws stable at Finton.

GRAND NATIONAL FANCIES

Gregalach Still Well To The Fore.

London, Jan. 30.

Although the Grand National is never far away once the National Hunt season is begun, there has been very little talk so far of the great race in March.

This is chiefly because so few of the prominent horses who will be expected to take part in the race have been seen out. Forbra has turned out to be one of the first on public view, for he was seen at Derby.

Frank Morgan, the enthusiastic trainer of Romus, feels sure that the horse will fulfil his promise this year. The animal was not at his best at Liverpool last year, for he broke down in his training just before the race.

He is one of the biggest horses in training and one of the boldest jumpers. If he has gained strength commensurate with his size, Romus will be a well-backed candidate this year.

Gregalach is a standing order for the Grand National. His fencing is as clean as that of any horse racing over fences.

If advancing years and a rather hard life have not taken the edge off his speed, he must be expected to wind up very nearly favourite.

An interesting probability for the race is Destiny Bay, the mare who won the Grand Stakes over the National jumps last November. This race is one of the severest tests for a prospective Grand National horse and, if she keeps her form, a big following may be expected for this eight-year-old.—Reuter.

DERBY RACE COURSE ADMISSION CUT

Sympathy Of 'Old Hands' Turns To Derision.

London, Jan. 24.

When the Derby race course executive announced that their charges for admission would be reduced for the Christmas meeting the "Old Hands" pulled long faces and sympathized with the managers of the course.

Later, when it was published that entrance to Tattersalls would be 15 shillings instead of the customary pound and the Silver Ring, 5 shillings instead of 6, sympathies turned to derision.

"How could the managers expect to pay off a big overdraft by reducing admission charges and thereby lowering the standard of racing?"

It is true that the Derby executive are in debt to the tune of over £2,000 and that in normal times such an innovation as reduced charges would do more harm than good to the sponsors in that the other meeting would be unlikely to follow suit.

The Derby executive would plough a lonely furrow until the popularity of the meeting disappeared with the poor quality of racing brought about by reduced stakes.

But during the present depression it is obvious that race courses in general will have to apply the economic knife just as every other concern has been forced to do.

The Derby Christmas meeting has been completed and an official of the course announces the complete success of the experiment.

Christmas is notoriously depressing time for race course executives, yet a big crowd turned up at the meeting and, it is announced, the same reduced charges will rule at the next gathering at the course.

OLD BOYS' RACKETS.

The holders, J. C. F. Simpson and D. S. Milford (Rugby), were beaten in the final for the Noel Bruce Rackets Cup, open to "old Public Schoolboys, at Queen's Club, by K. A. Wagg and I. Akers-Douglas (Eton), by four games to one (15-3, 11-15, 15-6, 15-11, 15-4).

GOSSIP IN SPORTS WORLD

Bradman's Two Offers: Fastest Human Retiring: Welsh Rugby Fifteen.

By ROVER

Bradman In Demand. FOR the second time within a week, an English cricket club has approached Don Bradman for his services as a professional.

Recently Ramsbottom were in touch with Bradman, asking him to assist them during the forthcoming summer, but the young Australian Test batsman intimated that his present commitments in Australia did not permit of him leaving that country until 1934.

Rochdale, another Lancashire League club, two days later cabled Bradman offering him terms for the 1934 season. They are said to be prepared to give him a four-figure contract for that period.

Italian Crew Decline.

THE Italian Rowing Federation has declined an invitation extended the crew of Leghorn University, known as the "Oxford of Italy," to compete against the University of California eight at Long Beach, Cal., on April 7.

Previous engagements of the Leghorn crew in Italy and elsewhere in Europe were given as the reasons for turning down a chance for Italy to match oars again on the Olympic lagoon with the eight that won the Olympic title by inches from Italy in the final last Summer.

Italy's crew at that time was a club eight but several Leghorn graduates rowed in the shell.

Davis Cup Entries.

THE organisation committee of the Davis Lawn Tennis Cup have received nine entries for the European zone, two for the North American zone, and five for the South American zone.

The European entries are Great Britain, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Switzerland, and Yugoslavia. The North American are the United States and Cuba, and the South American Chile, Peru, Uruguay, Brazil, and the Argentine.

The first round in the European zone will be played on May 1 and 2, the second round on May 21, the third June 13, and the fourth on June 23. The European zone final is to be decided on July 14, 15, and 16, and the inter-zone final on July 21, 22, and 23. The challenge round dates are July 23, 29, and 30 in Paris.

School Rugby International.

COMPETITION for places in the annual English Public Schools Rugby team to meet the Scottish boys at Richmond this year is keener than ever. Although the match is not recognised officially, the Richmond Rugby Club is the only one to be able to field their strongest team against the Radio at King's Park yesterday, and a weak team lost by three clear goals to the Mamak champions.

Play was very even with Radio attacks being the more dangerous. At the interval the Radio led by two goals scored by Gurbachan Singh and Kalwant Singh; and in the second half they went further ahead when Karnail Singh found the net.

Y.M.C.A.—L. D. Skinner, E. F. Selk, E. O. Murphy, H. J. D. Lowe, D. McLellan (captain), R. A. Bates, S. Fowler, G. C. Burnett, W. J. Browne, S. H. Garrod and F. S. W. Smith.

Y.M.C.A. DEFEATED BY THE RADIO.

Team Changes Cause Lack Of Combination.

The Y.M.C.A. were unfortunate not to be able to field their strongest team against the Radio at King's Park yesterday, and a weak team lost by three clear goals to the Mamak champions.

Play was very even with Radio attacks being the more dangerous. At the interval the Radio led by two goals scored by Gurbachan Singh and Kalwant Singh; and in the second half they went further ahead when Karnail Singh found the net.

Y.M.C.A.—L. D. Skinner, E. F. Selk, E. O. Murphy, H. J. D. Lowe, D. McLellan (captain), R. A. Bates, S. Fowler, G. C. Burnett, W. J. Browne, S. H. Garrod and F. S. W. Smith.

"Y" LADIES DRAW.

The "Y" Ladies, assisted by a military player, forced a draw with the Royal Engineers on the D.G.S. ground yesterday, both sides scoring four times.

O. Brown and O. Dalziel (2) scored for the ladies, while their military player scored the fourth point. The score at half-time was 3-1 in favour of the Engineers.

CLUB ELEVEN.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club at 5 p.m. to-day on the U. S. R. C. ground against the Radio—

H. W. Lee, J. L. Tolley, E. V. Reed, J. E. Norrington, H. J. D. Lowe, W. A. Reed, H. Owa-Hughes, W. E. Williams, G. E. R. Divett, C. C. Francis and A. T. Lay.

mond and London. Scottish clubs succeed in making it as representative as possible.

As an indication of the wisdom of the Selection Committee, it should be recorded that three of last season's players have left school to win their Blues at the Varsity already. These are K. C. Fyffe (Oundle), K. L. T. Jackson (Rugby), and R. E. Prescott (Marlborough). Others have also been given trials and the match will quickly come to be recognised as one of the first glimpses of coming England players.

Rugby's Two Representatives.

ALL the boys invited to take part this year have accepted—a proof, if one were needed, that the boys fully appreciate the honour bestowed upon them. This season, the inclusion of players from the less fashionable havens of learning, such as Rutlish and the Imperial Service College, are healthy indications that there is no snobbery. Rugby, Harrow, Marlborough, and Radley are represented as usual. It has been the practice to limit the representation of any one school to one player, but, since Rugby have such a very fine side this season, invitations have been extended to two of their members.

U. S. and Ryder Cup.

THE American Ryder Cup team for the match at Southport on June 2 and 27 will be selected under a new system this year.

The heads of the Professional Golfers' Association's twenty-five sectional organisations will be asked to submit to the executive committee their ideas on the personnel of the team, which will be selected on the regional voting.

"No team, tentative or otherwise, has yet been selected," said G. R. Jacobus president of the P.G.A. "The only professional who is apparently certain of a place is Gene Sarazan, the British and American open champion. Final selections will not be made till the end of February, after the returned are in from the winter circuit."

Jacobus dispelled all doubts as to whether the P.G.A. had the necessary money to send over the team. "Two thousand pounds has been set aside in our treasury for the coming contest, and we are going to send over a team of eight players, a reserve, and a manager."

Wykoff Retiring.

FRANK WYKOFF, holder of the 100 yards world record (9 2/5 secs), has commenced training for his first and last series of indoor sport. He has never competed on an indoor track before, and is retiring from competition this year.

Wykoff keenly enjoys running in actual competition, but he has no Spartan fondness for training. He was happier when fighting his way to national recognition than he was forced to defend his laurels.

Champion Detests Boxing.

JACK SHARKEY, who won the world's heavyweight boxing championship from Max Schmelling on a doubtful decision is preparing to throw his gloves into the ring.

He has plenty of money, approximately \$700,000, and strange enough he detests the fighter's life. He is astute enough to know it is time he left the ring, and because of his personal pride and his respect for wife and family, he would like the permanent title "retired undefeated heavyweight champion."

Welsh Rugby Victors.

THE following were the Welsh XV which defeated England 7-3 in the first Rugby International of the season at Twickenham on January 21:—

V. Jenkins (Bridgend); R. Boon (Cardiff); W. Wooller (Colwyn Bay); Claud Davey (Swansea); A. Jones (Cardiff); M. Turnbull (Cardiff); H. Bowcott (Cardiff); Bryn Evans (Llanelli); Edgar Jones (Llanelli); A. Skynn (Cardiff); R. Jones (Cambridge University); Dai Thomas (Swansea); Watcyn Thomas (Swansea); Tom Arthur (Neath); and Tom Isaacs (Cardiff).

Jenkins, Wooller, A. Jones, Turnbull, Edgar Jones, R. Jones and Isaacs were the new caps.



SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports and Honolulu.		
CHICHIBU MARU	Tuesday, 14th Feb. at 2 a.m.	
TATSUTA MARU	Wednesday, 22nd February.	
ASAMA MARU	Wednesday, 15th March.	
SEATTLE & VANCOUVER.		
HIYE MARU (starts from Kobe)	Monday, 20th February.	
HEIAN MARU (starts from Kobe)	Monday, 13th March.	
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.		
SUWA MARU	Saturday, 18th February.	
FUSHIMI MARU	Saturday, 4th March.	
HAKOZAKI MARU	Saturday, 18th March.	
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.		
KITANO MARU	Saturday, 25th February.	
ATSUTA MARU	Saturday, 25th February.	
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.		
GINYO MARU	Thursday, 9th February.	
GENOA MARU	Wednesday, 15th February.	
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.		
HEIYO MARU	Friday, 10th March.	
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.		
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Piraeus, Genoa and Valencia.		
DELAGOA MARU	Tuesday, 14th February.	
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.		
MURORAN MARU	Thursday, 9th February.	
AKITA MARU	Wednesday, 15th February.	
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.		
LIMA MARU (Mojil direct)	Tuesday, 14th February.	
TERUKUNI MARU	Wednesday, 15th February.	
ATSUTA MARU (Nagasaki direct)	Friday, 17th February.	
† Cargo only.		
For further information apply to: NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.		
Telephone 30291. (Private exchange to all departments.)		

O. S. K.

SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

NEW YORK via Japan, Los Angeles and Panama. Call Direct at Cristobal, Puerto Colombia, Boston Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Santos Maru	Thurs.,	9th Feb.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS, MONTEVIDEO & BUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town.	Arabia Maru	Fri.,	24th Feb.
MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH, CAPE TOWN & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Singapore & Colombo.			
MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, WELLINGTON & AUCKLAND via Manila.			
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Colombo, Penang & Rangoon.	Heinan Maru	Mon.,	13th Feb.
	Paris Maru	Sun.,	19th Feb.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Colombo, Penang & Rangoon.	Honolulu Maru	Mon.,	20th Feb.
	Sumatra Maru	Sat.,	4th Mar.
JAPAN PORTS	Hamburg Maru	Fri.,	10th Feb.
JAPAN via Takao & Keelung.	Panama Maru	Sun.,	13th Mar.
KEELUNG via Swatow and Amoy (every Sunday).	Canton Maru	Sun.,	12th Feb.
	Hozan Maru	Sun.,	19th Feb.
Amoy (every other Thursday).	Deli Maru	Thurs.,	9th Feb.

†† Omits Ports Marked.

† Direct to Bhavnagar, Mandvi, and Bedbunder.

For Further Particulars Please apply to:

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

Telephone 28061.

LEGEND AND LUCK

(Continued from page 7.)

Half-swimming, half-fluttering, the swan made for the bank. Dolgo had certainly saved her life, but her only remark was another sibilant hiss. One leg held stiffly, she hopped and swayed through some undergrowth and disappeared. A last feeble quiver, and the pike lay still. Dolgo took a firmer grip, swam off downstream. Where a willow sent twisting roots through the mossy bank he landed. His head swung from side to side, his tiny eyes watching for danger. Everything was still. Dragging the pike, he scrambled across the roots, darted through what looked like a tuft of matted grass, and vanished. When he emerged, taking to the stream once more, he had left behind a well-fed mate and three very satisfied youngsters, curling up safely to sleep.

Safely? Had Dolgo seen a dark blue form, well sheltered by a Hawthorn bush, and a pair of grey eyes watching in triumph, he might have been less merry as he breathed the stream.

"Well, now!" Luke Purvis, poacher and longer, came out from behind the Hawthorn and slapped his knee. "Dang 'un var the smartest otter I ever did see!" His red face widened with a grin. He felt more than pleased. Here was the answer to a puzzle of weeks and months. Here was the thief that had robbed his night-lines in the past, ay, even plundered his rabbit-traps of late. Ever since September had he suffered from this marauding. At first he had put it down to stunts or weasels. But when, one dawn, he found a trap gone and the pin itself pulled up, he knew he must put his lurid blame on something bigger and stronger. Both foxes and badgers were rare near the stream. And he had never thought of an otter taking to such land piracy.

Now he knew better. This otter was the great beast whose fame had spread right through Gethelford, the fighter many hounds remembered to their cost. He could not be wrong, for he had seen the queer white patch on Dolgo's tail, a patch described by the few members of the hunt who had caught a fleeting glimpse of their elusive quarry. Why, only yesterday in the market-place, he had overheard Mr. Ward, master of hounds, say he would give five to catch that "Red Devil," as Dolgo had come to be termed.

"Luke Purvis," said the poacher to himself, "this Christmas 'az brought 'ee luck. 'E'll go to Mister Ward an' tell 'un. 'Mebbe they'll fix a worry var Boxing Day. They'll catch 'un this time, var sure. 'E'll get rid of 'at dang' trap-robbin' an' vive punts in the 'argain'."

He rubbed his hands delightedly, and gazed across the stream at Dolgo's grass-covered holt. Even knowing where to look, and at that short distance, he had to admit that it was marvellously concealed.

"A smart 'un to be sure, but I'll get 'im yet 'ee, my beauty," said Luke.

Deciding to make an inspection at close range, he followed the bank for a quarter of a mile up-stream to the old wooden bridge above Bovey Pool. Here he crossed the rotten plank and a stretch of open ground where fieldfares hunted desperately for a breakfast, and came level with the abbey ruins. A dismal sight they

made, with their grey stones crumbling and their matted ivy choking every crack and crevice. The empty window-frames, like the eye-sockets of a skull, seem to stare regretfully at the desolation beneath.

Luke quickened his pace. Although a twin piped carols cheerily, and the world sparkled in its robes of frost, he could not repress a certain uneasiness. Local tradition with Roundheads ten miles off. When at last they brought the news, the poor wife refused to believe it. Night and day for a week she stood by the stream waiting for the husband who never came. Then her heart broke and she died, but her spirit returned every Christmas Eve and for a week lingered sorrowfully at the appointed spot.

Of course, in the brave gaiety of the "Grey Crow" at Gethelford, everybody used to dub the tale "dang' nonsense" and laugh in a slow, wheezy way. But scarcely a labourer for miles around would have dared to go alone after dusk and test its truth.

With the ruins left behind, Luke soon reached Dolgo's holt. Climbing down the bank carefully, he made his inspection, chuckled to himself, and nodded vigorously.

"I'll tell Mister Ward to-day. Zuru as zaurus, 'ounds 'I'll ave 'ee bevore much longer, my beauty!" He turned away, smiling grimly. This Christmas, it seemed, was to be Dolgo's last on earth.

The otter was puzzled. He had returned from a cruise in Bovey Pool, where the stream widened out between frozen meadows. At the mouth of his holt he paused, sniffed. His nose drew back. Came a low sound of anguish, and his eyes grew curiously purple. His keen scent had detected an enemy presence. Something had been here while he was away, skulking round the home of his tiny cubs.

Spine hairs bristling, he entered the holt. Mute whistles, cubs whimpered noisily. Savagery faded from Dolgo's wide jaws. A soft light entered his eyes. He nosed the cubs gently, gave his mate a kind of reassuring rub on her silky head, and went out to the bank. There were few signs of intrusion—only a slight dent in the frozen mud, a bruised grass-blade. Luke Purvis had been very careful to avoid giving scent. But the veteran Dolgo read ominous warning. The holt was no longer safe. Some enemy knew the secret.

An adept at finding sanctuary, the otter had often saved himself by cunning. A year ago, when they had been relentlessly combing the stream for him, he had changed his holt nearly every night. Once he even spent two snug days in a disused mill-wheel.

Now, from deep in the obscurity of his animal brain, sprang the urging of experience. Small eyes anxious, he slipped into the stream and swam rapidly with the current, searching for another holt in which to hide his family that night. Skirting a bunch of dead withy bushes, shimmering spears under their coating of rime, he passed again through Bovey Pool. A few redwings rose from the Hawthorns, where they had been feeding

CONSIGNEES.

LOYD TRIESTINO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Steamer,

"GANGE"

From TRIESTE, VENICE, BRINDISI, PORT SAID, BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given 48 hours prior to vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th instant, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 18th instant, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th instant, at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Godard & Longley. In the case of dutiable cargo, Consignees are requested to inform the Imports & Exports Office that they have such goods for examination.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO. LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1933.

on the peggles. A dark moor-hen scuttled for cover. A torrid jack drifted temptingly near, but anxiety held him from the lure of food.

Past a line of willows, gaunt, drooping sentries, through the narrow where the banks dropped a sheer eight feet into as great a depth of water. Past the gridiron sluice, relic of some former human experiment. Past a corpse, carpeted by sable dead leaves, walked by twisted trunks a-glitter with crystal stars. The murmur of the ripples he made wove into the winter music of the wilds, a blend of cracking twig and stealthy bird-movement.

He found what he wanted in an overhanging bank, a mile below the narrow. It was a room sanctuary, screened by old roots and a lacwork of dead weeds. Here, when the short winter day had fled, he would bring his family. Moving by daylight was too perilous, with the restraining burden of three youngsters.

Lately he had grown to time his movements by a certain signal. Just outside Gethelford was a small paper mill, and the voice of its labour reached down to the holt. It was a disturbing sound, fraught with a sense of danger. Not until the voice was stifled did Dolgo feel complete freedom in the stream. So to-night's move would not start until the mill had stopped work. The employees knocked off at half-past six.

Satisfied, he scrambled back into the stream, short legs cleaving the current with a leisurely stroke. Overhead a queerly yellow glow marked the sky, where the weak winter sun did its best to pierce a damp mist. There was less glitter on the gemmed bushes now, for a faint warmth had laid its dissolving touch on the rime. But in the colourless horizon there was promise of snow later and a white Christmas for Gethelford.

(Continued on Page 11.)

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE Peninsula Hotel

IN THE ROSE ROOM

SATURDAY 11th FEBRUARY 1933.

TILL 2 A.M.

SPECIAL GALA NIGHT

DINNER DANCE

WELCOMING WORLD TOURISTS

FROM S.S. "EMPRESS OF BRITAIN."

RESERVATIONS PHONE 58081

The Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.

SPECIAL SAILING "EMPRESS OF BRITAIN" THE WORLD'S WONDER SHIP to EUROPE FROM HONG KONG 6 A.M.

FEBRUARY 15

YOKOHAMA MARCH 9th

to Cherbourg and Southampton on the luxurious liner "Empress of Britain" completing a world cruise. See Peiping—Japan—Honolulu—California—Panama Canal. Spend a day and night in Balboa—Havana and New York.

Arriving Cherbourg; Southampton April 18th.

Shore trips included at ports call.

CANADIAN PACIFIC ALL THE WAY.



REGULAR AND FAST FREIGHT AND PASSENGER SERVICES

LONDON SERVICE.

"ANTENOR" 15th Feb. For Marseilles, London, Rotterdam and Glasgow.
"AJAX" 1st Mar. For Marseilles, London, Rotterdam and Hamburg.

LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"PERSEUS" 14th Feb. For Liverpool, Havre and Glasgow.

NEW YORK SERVICE.

"GLAUCUS" 11th Mar. For Boston, New York and Baltimore, Philippines and Straits.

PACIFIC SERVICE.

(via KOBE & YOKOHAMA).
"IXION" 16th Feb. For Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver.
"TANTALUS" 11st Mar. For Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver.

INWARD SERVICE.

"DARDANUS" Due 12th Feb. For Shanghai.
"LAOMEDON" Due 12th Feb. For Shanghai, Kobe & Y'hama.

Specially reduced fares are quoted for cargo steamers with limited passenger accommodation.

For freight, passage rates and information apply to the undersigned.

All bookings are subject to the provisions of the Company's Bill of Lading.

Butterfield & Swire, Agents.

TRAVEL A.-O. LINE

To AUSTRALIA. Calling at Manila (P. I.), Thursday, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

BRITISH STEAMERS: CHANGTE - TAIPING (BURNER).

FASTEST AND MOST UP-TO-DATE STEAMERS IN THE SERVICE. ELECTRIC LAUNDRY BARBER SHOP SURGEON AND STEWARDESS CARRIED.

Enjoy Your Shore Leave in Australia and New Zealand, Hong Kong, Sydney—19 Days.

FIRST CLASS FARE TO SYDNEY £76 RETURN. LONDON (via Australia) from £128.15.0.

(Australian Newspapers on file)

STEAMER	Due Hong Kong	Leaves Hong Kong	Leaves Manila	Due Sydney
CHANGTE	Feb. 10	Feb. 17	Feb. 20	Mar. 8
TAIPING	Mar. 10	Mar. 17	Mar. 20	Apr. 5
CHANGTE	Apr. 11	Apr. 18	Apr. 21	May 7
TAIPING	May 9	May 16	May 19	June 7

AUSTRALIAN-ORIENTAL LINE LIMITED.

Butterfield & Swire, Agents—Hong Kong—Shanghai.

SHIPBUILDERS, SHIP REPAIRERS, BOILER MAKERS, FORGE MASTERS, OXY-ACETYLENE, AND ELECTRIC WELDERS, MECHANICAL, AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS.

THE TAIKOO DOCKYARD & ENGINEERING COMPANY OF HONG KONG, LIMITED.

SALVAGE TUG "TAIKOO" Wireless Call V.P.G.N. 600 Meters.

—DRY DOCK—
Length 787 Feet.
Length on Blocks 760 Feet.
Depth on Centre of
SILL (H.W.O.S.T.) 34 ft. 6 ins.

—THREE SLIPWAYS—

Capable of Handling Ships Up to 4,000 Tons Displacement.
Electric Crane at Sea Wall, Capable of Lifting 100 Tons at 70 Feet Radius.

Tel. Address: "TAIKOODOCK," HONG KONG.
Telephone No. 30211.
Call Flag: "C" over "ANS. PENNANT."

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.
HONG KONG, CHINA & JAPAN.

P. & O.-British India Apcar and Eastern & Australian Lines

(COMPANIES incorporated in ENGLAND).
MAIL AND PASSENGER STEAMERS.

TAKING CARGO FOR

STRAITS, JAVA, BURMA, CEYLON, INDIA, PERSIAN GULF,
WEST INDIES, MAURITIUS, EAST AND SOUTH AFRICA,
AUSTRALASIA, INCLUDING NEW ZEALAND AND
QUEENSLAND PORTS, AND RED SEA, EGYPT,
CONSTANTINOPLE, GREECE, LEVANTINE
PORTS, EUROPE, &c.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL FORTNIGHTLY
DIRECT ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.
(Under Contract with H.M. Government.)

S.S.	Tons	From Hong Kong About	Destination
NALDERA	16,000	11th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	25th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SOMALI	6,800	4th Mar.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CORFU	15,000	11th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
COMORIN	15,000	25th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
*BANGALORE	6,100	1st Apr.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RANPURA	17,000	8th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
CHITRAL	15,000	22nd Apr.	Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	6th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CARTHAGE	14,000	20th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NALDERA	16,000	3rd June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	17th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.

* Cargo only. † Calls Casablanca.

† Calls Karachi, Cutch Mandvi & Kundli.

Frequent connection from Port Said for Passengers and Cargo to Con-
stantinople, Piræus, Smyrna and other Levant Ports by steamers of the
Khedivial Mail Steamship Co.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS.

TAKADA	1933.	Destination
	10th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SIRDHANA	23rd Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	6th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALMA	19th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

B.I. Apcar Line steamers have excellent accommodation for
1st and 2nd class passengers.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South).

TANDA	1933.	Destination
	3rd Mar.	Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
NANKEIN	1st Apr.	
NELLORE	2nd May	

Regular monthly sailings from Hong Kong to Shanghai and Japan
and Hong Kong to Australia.

Hong Kong to Sydney—19 days.

Frequent connections from Australia with the following:—

The Union S.S. Company's steamers to the United Kingdom via New
Zealand, Vancouver, San Francisco, etc.

The P. & O. Royal Mail Steamers to London and

The P. & O. Branch Service of steamers to London via Suez.

The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamers for South America and
London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

CORFU	1933.	Destination
	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10th Feb.	Amoy, Shanghai, Kobe & Osaka.
*BANGALORE	20th Feb.	Shanghai only.
TALMA	23rd Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
COMORIN	24th Feb.	Amoy, Shanghai, Kobe & Osaka.
*NANKEIN	24th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANPURA	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
*CHITRAL	10th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANCHI	19th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CHITRAL	23rd Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANCHI	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
*BOUDAN	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CARTHAGE	20th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NALDERA	4th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BURDWAN	12th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KAISAR-I-HIND	18th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
MANTUA	1st June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	15th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANPURA	20th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	17th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.

* Cargo only. † Calls Nagoya & Yokkaichi. ‡ Calls Nagoya.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.
All cabins are fitted with Electric Fans or Pumps Louvre System.
Steamers on London and Australian Lines are fitted with Landline.
Passes measuring not more than 8 ft. will be received at the Com-
pany's Office up to Noon on the day previous to sailing.

For further information, Passage, Freight, Handbooks, etc., apply to—

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.,

P. & O. Building, Connaught Rd. C. Hong Kong. Agents.

LEGEND AND LUCK

(Continued from Page 10.)

With lazy grace Dolgo threaded the
purling water. For a fortnight
at least, he was free from foraging. That
giant pike had been his gift from
Santa Claus. It would supply even the
clamorous cub with many meals.

Returning past the raised sluice,
through the narrow, he encountered
the swan. She was busily engaged
swallowing a luckless jack, but at sight
of Dolgo her long neck went back, her
bendy eyes glinted, and her wing feath-
ers ruffled with rage and fear.

This, it seemed, was sheer ingrati-
tude. Dolgo eyed her stonily, dived,
and passed on. Out of simple aban-
don he began to roll, twist and somer-
sault, his jaws wide and whiskers
quivering with an expression remark-
ably like a smile.

Luke Purvis had to wait until four
o'clock before he could see the master
of the other hounds. John Ward had
been away from Coteheford house, at
least for a few days. But directly he
turned he sent for Luke, and the pouter
enter the manor house dining-room,
twisting his hat in his hands.

"Well, Luke, still making an honest
living?"

Ward's eyes twinkled. He knew the
poacher's reputation and methods.

"Just grubbing along, sir. But I've
got summat to tell 'ee. This morning
I was along the stream, a—

taking a walk."

He paused and grinned slyly.

"You're fond of nice, innocent
walks, of course."

"Yes, sir, surely. Well, what do
'ee think I saw come out of the stream
and climb the var bank?"

"Two elephants," said Ward slip-
pantly.

"No, sir, but summat near as sur-
prising—the Red Devil."

"What?" Ward was on his feet,
beaming, excited. "Here, man, sit
down. Wait a minute while I put the
light on. We must hear all about this."

He lit a hanging lamp, that cast its
mellow glow over the beamed ceiling,
revealing paper chains, sprigs of holly,
and a great bunch of mistletoe beneath
which every fair guest would pay for-
feit on the morrow.

"Now, then. How do you know it
was the Red Devil?"

"I saw the white patch on 'un, sir,
above the tail. A fair beauty, 'un is,
to be sure. Mebbe 'un weighs well-nigh
thirty pun."

"That's the fellow right enough!"

Ward was radiant. "By jingo, this is
news. I've said I'd give a fiver to
catch that other, and I mean it."

Luke's fingers twitched.

"Well, sir, zeen! It's Christmas—"

Ward laughed.

"Not so fast. First of all I want to
know the exact position of the hole."

"I can tell 'ee that easy," said Luke,
and proceeded to give exact details.

The master listened in silence, his
brick-red face thoughtful.

"It's just the sort of place the Red
Devil would choose. I've often thought
he must change his hole pretty fre-
quently."

"It 'as struck me, sir, that a worry
on Boxing Day—"

"The very thing, Luke, the very
thing. I'll send round the news to-
night. One moment." He pursed his
lips. "You say the hole's just below
Bovey Abbey. Then we must shut the
sluice in the narrow. It's the one
place where we can't cut him off if he
makes down-stream."

"Very well, sir," said Luke slowly.

"I'll shut 'un to-morrow."

"To-morrow! Nonsense, it's Christ-
mas Day. If I know you, Luke, you'll
be at the Grey Crow, swinging cider
and getting muzzy as fast as you can
swallow. You'll forget all about ot-
ters, and be having a fierce time in the
barparlour."

"Mebbe," said Luke, with a sheepish
grin.

"But I'll shut 'un before I go to the
Grey Crow, sir."

The master shook his head.

"You've heard of the old proverb,
Luke, never put off till to-morrow—
what's wrong with doing it to-night?"

The poacher shifted uneasily.

"Well, sir, the sluice is worked from
t'other side of the stream, and there's
the abbey to pass."

Ward jerked back his head and roar-
ed.

"What? Afraid of the White
Lady? His face went purple with
laughter. The idea of a hulking giant
like Luke being nervous of a ghost
tickled him immensely. "Get along
with you! This is nineteen-twenty-
five, man. D'you mean to tell me
you're frightened of a legend?"

"Not exactly frightened, sir."

"Well, Luke, the sluice is worked from
t'other side of the stream, and there's
the abbey to pass."

Ward jerked back his head and roar-
ed.

"What? Afraid of the White
Lady? His face went purple with
laughter. The idea of a hulking giant
like Luke being nervous of a ghost
tickled him immensely. "Get along
with you! This is nineteen-twenty-
five, man. D'you mean to tell me
you're frightened of a legend?"

"Not exactly frightened, sir."

"Well, Luke, the sluice is worked from
t'other side of the stream, and there's
the abbey to pass."

Ward jerked back his head and roar-
ed.

"What? Afraid of the White
Lady? His face went purple with
laughter. The idea of a hulking giant
like Luke being nervous of a ghost
tickled him immensely. "Get along
with you! This is nineteen-twenty-
five, man. D'you mean to tell me
you're frightened of a legend?"

"Not exactly frightened, sir."

"Well, Luke, the sluice is worked from
t'other side of the stream, and there's
the abbey to pass."

Ward jerked back his head and roar-
ed.

"What? Afraid of the White
Lady? His face went purple with
laughter. The idea of a hulking giant
like Luke being nervous of a ghost
tickled him immensely. "Get along
with you! This is nineteen-twenty-
five, man. D'you mean to tell me
you're frightened of a legend?"

"Not exactly frightened, sir."

"Well, Luke, the sluice is worked from
t'other side of the stream, and there's
the abbey to pass."

Ward jerked back his head and roar-
ed.

"What? Afraid of the White
Lady? His face went purple with
laughter. The idea of a hulking giant
like Luke being nervous of a ghost
tickled him immensely. "Get along
with you! This is nineteen-twenty-
five, man. D'you mean to tell me
you're frightened of a legend?"

"Not exactly frightened, sir."

"Well, Luke, the sluice is worked from
t'other side of the stream, and there's
the abbey to pass."

Ward jerked back his head and roar-
ed.

"What? Afraid of the White
Lady? His face went purple with
laughter. The idea of a hulking giant
like Luke being nervous of a ghost
tickled him immensely. "Get along
with you! This is nineteen-twenty-
five, man. D'you mean to tell me
you're frightened of a legend?"

"Not exactly frightened, sir."

"Well, Luke, the sluice is worked from
t'other side of the stream, and there's
the abbey to pass."

Ward jerked back his head and roar-
ed.

"What? Afraid of the White
Lady? His face went purple with
laughter. The idea of a hulking giant
like Luke being nervous of a ghost
tickled him immensely. "Get along
with you! This is nineteen-twenty-
five, man. D'you mean to tell me
you're frightened of a legend?"

"Not exactly frightened, sir."

"Well, Luke, the sluice is worked from
t'other side of the stream, and there's
the abbey to pass."

Ward jerked back his head and roar-
ed.

"What? Afraid of the White
Lady? His face went purple with
laughter. The idea of a hulking giant
like Luke being nervous of a ghost
tickled him immensely. "Get along
with you! This is nineteen-twenty-
five, man. D'you mean to tell me
you're frightened of a legend?"

"Not exactly frightened, sir."

"Well, Luke, the sluice is worked from
t'other side of the stream, and there's
the abbey to pass."

Ward jerked back his head and roar-
ed.

"What? Afraid of the White
Lady? His face went purple with
laughter. The idea of a hulking giant
like Luke being nervous of a ghost
tickled him immensely. "Get along
with you! This is nineteen-twenty-
five, man. D'you mean to tell me
you're frightened of a legend?"

"Not exactly frightened, sir."

"Well, Luke, the sluice is worked from
t'other side of the stream, and there's
the abbey to pass."

Ward jerked back his head and roar-
ed.

"What? Afraid of the White
Lady? His face went purple with
laughter. The idea of a hulking giant
like Luke being nervous of a ghost
tickled him immensely. "Get along
with you! This is nineteen-twenty-
five, man. D'you mean to tell me
you're frightened of a legend?"

"Not exactly frightened, sir."

"Well, Luke, the sluice is worked from
t'other side of the stream, and there's
the abbey to pass."

Ward jerked back his head and roar-
ed.

"What? Afraid of the White
Lady? His face went purple with
laughter. The idea of a hulking giant
like Luke being nervous of a ghost
tickled him immensely. "Get along
with you! This is nineteen-twenty-
five, man. D'you mean to tell me
you're frightened of a legend?"

"Not exactly frightened, sir."

"Well, Luke, the sluice is worked from
t'other side of the stream, and there's
the abbey to pass."

Ward jerked back his head and roar-
ed.

"What? Afraid of the White
Lady? His face went purple with
laughter. The idea of a hulking giant
like Luke being nervous of a ghost
tickled him immensely. "Get along
with you! This is nineteen-twenty-
five, man. D'you mean to tell me
you're frightened of a legend?"

"Not exactly frightened, sir."

"Well, Luke, the sluice is worked from
t'other side of the stream, and there's
the abbey to pass."

Ward jerked back his head and roar-
ed.

"What? Afraid of the White
Lady? His face went purple with
laughter. The idea of a hulking giant
like Luke being nervous of a ghost
tickled him immensely. "Get along
with you! This is nineteen-twenty-
five, man. D'you mean to tell me
you're frightened of a legend?"

"Not exactly frightened, sir."

"Well, Luke, the sluice is worked from
t'other side of the stream, and there's
the abbey to pass."

Ward jerked back his head and roar-
ed.

"What? Afraid of the White
Lady? His face went purple with
laughter. The idea of a hulking giant
like Luke being nervous of a ghost
tickled him immensely. "Get along
with you! This is nineteen-twenty-
five, man. D'you mean to tell me
you're frightened of a legend?"

"Not exactly frightened, sir."

"Well, Luke, the sluice is worked from
t'other side of the stream, and there's
the abbey to pass."

Ward jerked back his head and roar-
ed.

"What? Afraid of the White
Lady? His face went purple with
laughter. The idea of a hulking giant
like Luke being nervous of a ghost
tickled him immensely. "Get along
with you! This is nineteen-twenty-
five, man. D'you mean to tell me
you're frightened of a legend?"

"Not exactly frightened, sir."

"Well, Luke, the sluice is worked from
t'other side of the stream, and there's
the abbey to pass."

Ward jerked back his head and roar-
ed.

"What? Afraid of the White
Lady? His face went purple with
laughter. The idea of a hulking giant
like Luke being nervous of a ghost
tickled him immensely. "Get along
with you! This is nineteen-twenty-
five, man. D'you mean to tell me
you're frightened of a legend?"

"Not exactly frightened, sir."

"Well, Luke, the sluice is worked from
t'other side of the stream, and there's
the abbey to pass."

Ward jerked back his head and roar-
ed.

"What? Afraid of the White
Lady? His face went purple with
laughter. The idea of a hulking giant
like Luke being nervous of a ghost
tickled him immensely. "Get along
with you! This is nineteen-twenty-
five, man. D'you mean to tell me
you're frightened of a legend?"

"Not exactly frightened, sir."

"Well, Luke, the sluice is worked from
t'other side of the stream, and there's
the abbey to pass."

Ward jerked back his head and roar-
ed.

"What? Afraid of the White
Lady? His face went purple with
laughter. The idea of a hulking giant
like Luke being nervous of a ghost
tickled him immensely. "Get along
with you! This is nineteen-twenty-
five, man. D'you mean to tell me
you're frightened of a legend?"

"Not exactly frightened, sir."

"Well, Luke, the sluice is worked from
t'other side of the stream, and there's
the abbey to pass."

Ward jerked back his head and roar-
ed.

thirty minutes. Fate, indeed, was
accouing on the other this Christmas.

A light powdering of snow had be-
gun to speckle the darkness. It gave
the night a queer glimmer, brought a
hush to the world. The poacher turrel-
ed up his collar, thrust his hands deeper
into roony pockets, and strode on to-
wards the foot-bridge. The silence
closed about him, thickened as he
reached the stream. Even the rippling
purl was absent this evening.

For a while he stood by the bridge, a
faint white tracery stretching into
shadow. Try as he might, he could
not dismiss his fears of Bovey Abbey.

"Dang 'ee, Luke Purvis," he told
himself, what do 'ee veat? Don't be a
fool. There ain't no such thing as a
ghost, an' if there is, why, give 'un a
wallop."

He clenched his fist and felt a trifle
comforted. From over the still fields
drifted remote music, sweet yet lone-
ly in the blackness. It was some carol
party serenading an outlying cottage.
The sound steeled him. He crossed
the bridge, reached the far bank and
quenched his pace towards the abbey.

Could he have heard it, the paper
mill was still thrumming merrily; it
might have given him a feeling of
security, of companionship. But his
heart had begun to beat faster, send-
ing it muffled rapping to his ears. With
the ruins so near, he could think of
nothing else.

There they loomed in sight, an eerie
whiteness outlined in the gloom. Each
black square of empty window was an
eye, watching him.

His pace slackened. He drew a hand
across his forehead, talked to him-
self for encouragement. Used to the
country at night as he was, he
would have given that fifty shillings
for a lamp now.

"Vool!" he said shakily. "Vool!"

Ghosts at Chritzas are all good
uns. What do they say? Penzo and
goodwill to all men. On'y good ghosts
are about this night."

He made no attempt to deny their
existence. With the ruins upon him,
and the darkness listening, what else
was a man to do?

Very slowly he walked forward. The
tiny flakes scurried ahead in silent
legions. With every step he took his
legs seemed, however, more reluctant
to move. He halted, nearly level with
the ruins, and drew his breath. What
was that sound?

Ghosts didn't make sounds.

A sickly, nervous grin curled his
lips. With an effort he braced him-
self, took a couple of paces, then he
stood, eyes staring wildly for he knew
not what.

Another pace. A few more seconds
would take him past the dead stone
pile, now distorted under its white
shroud.

Two further steps he took, head
turning from side to side. Without
warning a groan rose at his very feet.
Throat choked, scalp prickling, he stood
these moments with terror. Then his
dilated eyes saw the White Lady glide
up through the darkness. Something
clammy brushed his cheek.

ADVERTISE
IN THE
1933 DOLLAR DIRECTORY
Thousands Buy And Use This Handy Little Directory.
Advertise in the next issue and obtain results.
Hong Kong Dollar Directory Co.
Phone 20022 And Our Advertising Manager
will be Pleased to Call.

The China Mail.

EIGHTY-EIGHTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION

HONG KONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1933.

THE GREAT CHINA TREASURE.
IF You require JADE, JEWELLERY, DIAMONDS,
PEARLS, CURIOS, IVORY, GOLD or SILVER WARE
come to us, as we are the biggest dealers and our
stocks are the best in Hong Kong.
A Trial is solicited.
54A, Queen's Road C. Tel. 27684.

KING'S THEATRE

HONGKONG'S FINEST CINEMA

TO-DAY ONLY
AT 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.30 P.M. ONLY.



Gracie Fields
LOOKING on the BRIGHT SIDE

with
JULIAN ROSE, RICHARD DOLMAN.
"GRACIE'S LEGIONS OF ADMIRERS ARE IN
FOR A BIG TREAT." (DAILY DISPATCH)

TO - MORROW



She Cast Aside The Whole
World For One Man!
Did She Kill To Keep His Love?
Elissa LANDI
In Henry King's Production

The WOMAN in Room 13
FOX PICTURE

ORIENTAL THEATRE

TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW ONLY
A NAUTICAL COMEDY NAVAL EXTRAVAGANZA.
THE FAMOUS SPLINTERS CONCERT PARTY
IN A RIOT OF FUN AND GALES OF LAUGHTER.



SYDNEY HOWARD in SPLINTERS in the NAVY
Riotously Funny Entertainment.

MAJESTIC THEATRE

TO-DAY ONLY AT 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.20 P.M.

"THE FALSE MADONNA"

with
KAY FRANCIS-CONWAY TEARLE
WILLIAM BOYD



A Paramount Picture

British Efforts At Air Records

(Continued from Page 1.)

110 M.P.H. AVERAGE.

Another Report.

The Royal Air Force Fairey Napier long-range Monoplane which is attempting to establish a new world non-stop record by a flight to the Cape, had reached the Nigerian coast yesterday afternoon and had covered about 3,600 miles of 6,198 miles to the Cape, averaging about 110 miles an hour—British Wireless Service.

Mollison's Progress.

After a 1,060-miles hop from Barcelona, Mr. J. A. Mollison landed at Agadir yesterday morning, leaving after two hours rest for Villa Cisneros, 650 miles further on.

He is using a Puss Moth cabin machine with a 130 h.p. Gypsy Major engine.—British Wireless Service.

AUDACIOUS THEFT FROM COLLEGE

Typewriter Stolen From Father Donnelly.

CHARGE DENIED.

An audacious theft perpetrated by an unemployed Chinese who strolled into the Wah Yan College yesterday morning, had a sequel in Central Police Second Court this morning, when before Mr. Wynne-Jones, Chan Wing was charged with the theft of an Underwood portable typewriter, the property of the Rev. Father D. Donnelly, S.J.

Defendant pleaded not guilty, and, in a statement from the dock later, said that he went to the College to obtain a prospectus as his Worship had previously instructed him that he was under Police surveillance for two years.

Detective-Inspector J. Murphy said that yesterday shortly after 11 a.m. the defendant was seen going into the Wah Yan College, carrying a rattan basket. Later he was seen on the second floor of the building carrying a typewriter.

When challenged he replied he was bringing the machine back from repair. He was taken to Father Bourke's office, and there he convinced the Father with his story. Father Bourke gave him a receipt for the machine. Defendant left the building but did not take the

YORKSHIRE SOCIETY

Annual Dinner To Be Suggested.

The annual general meeting of the Society for Yorkshiresmen in Hong Kong, will be held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., on Friday at 6.45 p.m.

The report shows that there are altogether 112 members of whom 25 are life members, and 87 ordinary subscribing members.

If an annual dinner is decided upon at Friday's meeting, it is provisionally suggested that this be held on March 3, and members are requested to keep this date open.

typewriter. He was later arrested on suspicion near the Dairy Farm Company, carrying the basket.

Father Bourke, said the Inspector was very busy and was reluctant to come to Court.

His Worship—In fairness to the defendant I think we must have the evidence of Father Bourke.

Rev. Father Donnelly, in evidence, said that the defendant, when he passed him on the steps, said "Good morning, Father." He thought the defendant, whom he did not wholly recognise in Court, to be a student.

The hearing was adjourned to Friday afternoon for Father Bourke to attend.

SHOWING
TO-DAY
AT
2.30, 5.15
7.15 & 9.30.

CENTRAL THEATRE

ADVANCE
BOOKING
AT
ANDERSON'S.

THRILLS
ACTION
DRAMA



WALTER HUSTON'S
GREATEST ROLE!

See him as the two-gun fighter for right over night! . . . as the leader of the four horsemen who ride upon a wild frontier town and there find life, love, laughter—and death! See the picture that sweeps you outdoors in a swirling series of sensational screen adventures! . . . See the cast of six stars in a story that thrills you with its drama as it lifts you with its action!

LAW AND ORDER

A UNIVERSAL PICTURE

With Harry Carey, Raymond Hatton, Russell Hopton, Ralph Ince, Andy Devine.



Produced by Carl Laemmle, Jr.
Directed by Ed. L. Cahn.
Presented by Carl Laemmle.

AN OUTDOOR'S
ROMANCE
THAT'S
DIFFERENT

NEXT CHANGE

THRILLS

That You'll Never forget!



The story behind the airmail postage stamp screened for the first time in all its tremendous scope and terrific drama!

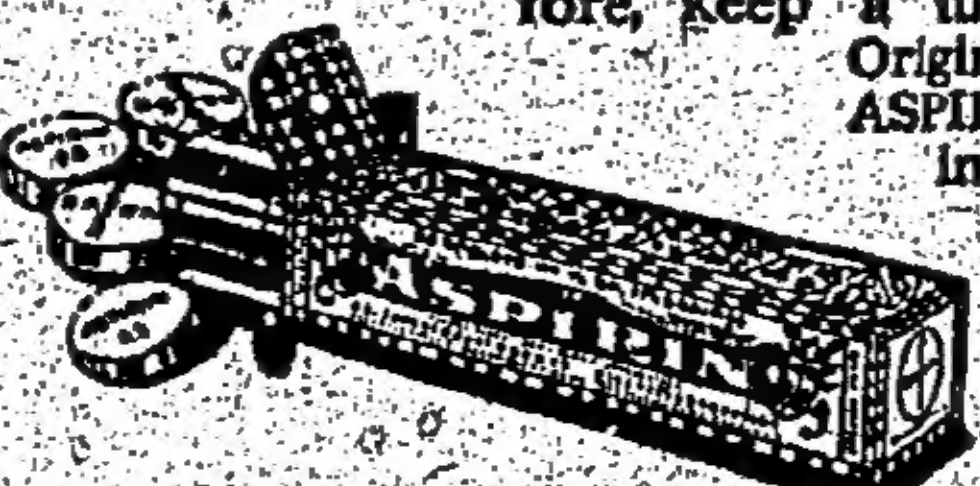
with RALPH BELLAMY, Gloria Stuart, Pat O'Brien, Slim Summerville. Directed by John Ford. A UNIVERSAL PICTURE. Presented by Carl Laemmle.

AIR MAIL

A Real Home-Remedy



for every family is **Bayer's ASPIRIN**. In headache, toothache, neuralgia, influenza, rheumatism and fever it brings quick and certain relief. Always, therefore, keep a tube of the Original **Bayer's ASPIRIN** Tablets in the house.



QUEEN'S THEATRE

FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20



SECRET
THOUGHTS
can now
be heard!

The next step in Talking Pictures is here! Eugene O'Neill's finest drama, straight from its world triumphs, comes to you at last at popular prices!

SHEARER GABLE STRANGE INTERLUDE

directed by ROBT. Z. LEONARD.

COMMENCING TO-MORROW

The BIGGEST PICTURE YET MADE!

with **GARBO** ★★ **DARRYMORE**
★ **CRAWFORD** ★★ **BEERY**
★ **DARRYMORE**
and **LEWIS STONE**
JEAN HIRSHOLT

The GREATEST
ATTRACTION
IN STAGE OR
SCREEN
HISTORY!



GRAND HOTEL

METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER'S PRODEST TRIUMPH!

BOOK WELL AHEAD

AT THE H.K. HOTEL LOBBY. QUEEN'S THEATRE.

AT THE
STAR

TO-DAY TO SATURDAY
At 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.20.

HELEN TWELVETREES
in "MILLIE"

Printed and published for the Proprietors, The Newspaper Enterprise Ltd., by DAVID CHRISTIAN WILSON, Manager, at 38, Wyndham St., Hong Kong.